Community Affairs File

West Central Indiana Economic Development District

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Seven area projects to get funding

Seven area communities will receive $254,000 in Community Development Block grants for 1977.

Grants confirmed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) include:

- $50,000 for water well and street improvements in Universal.
- $30,000 for a senior citizens' center in Dugger.
- $30,000 for a sewer extension in Brazil.
- $50,000 for a Terre Haute urban homesteading project.
- $65,000 for demolition and land acquisition in Sullivan.

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In the money

Eight governmental units receive grants

After a frustrating first round, the stay-in-the-ball-game attitude of WCIEDD local officials has paid $3,027,000 in dividends for eight local government units in five counties.

The Round II Local Public Works grants represent the greatest one year investment of federal funds by any one program in the history of West Central.

The eight 100 percent grants will allow completion of capital improvement projects which otherwise may not have been undertaken due to shortage of local funds.

In Clay County, much needed improvements to the county courthouse electrical system and major street renovations in Brazil will be possible. The county received a $130,000 grant. Brazil will get $237,000.

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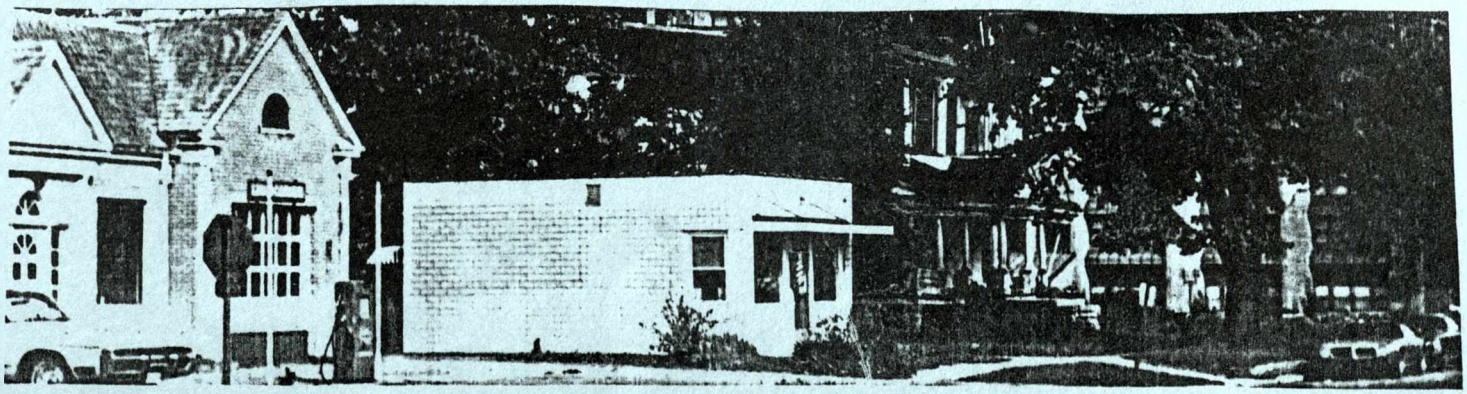

A $65,000 Community Block Grant will pay for acquisition of this block and demolition of these buildings in Sullivan.

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More about Public works

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In Parke County, Rockville's water system will be expanded and updated with a $995,000 grant.

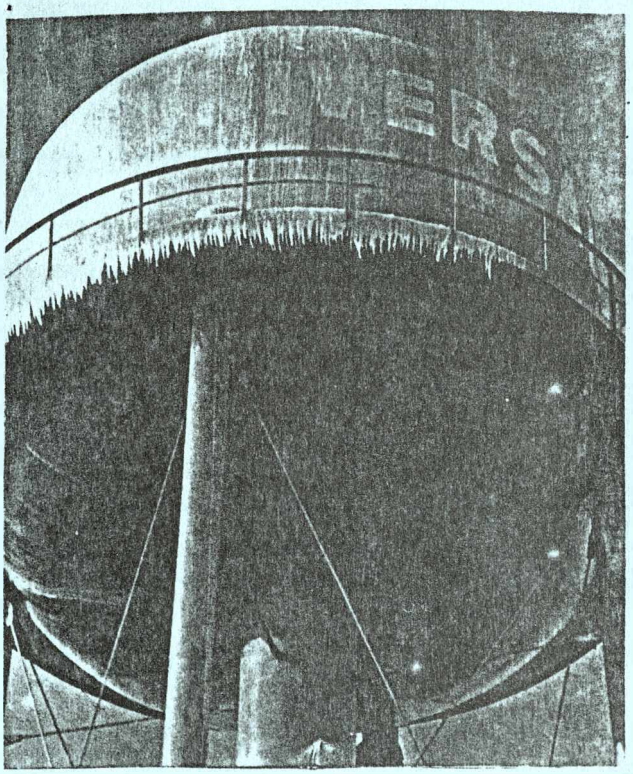
In Putnam County, roads will be rebuilt with $140,000. In Greencastle, a new $492,000 fire station will be constructed.

Vermillion County will construct a new $82,000 equipment garage for the county highway department.

Clinton plans to construct and upgrade its water system with its $403,000 grant.

Terre Haute will begin revitalization of the downtown district with $347,000. Another $200,000 will be used for major Terre Haute street repair and curb construction.

Local Public Works fund represent an attempt by local officials to meet urgent needs as determined by a community.



Universal's water problems will be eased thanks to a Community Development grant for a water well.

More about block grant-funded projects

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- $29,000 in emergency money for West Terre Haute for a water well.
- $33,000 grant for improvement of a senior citizen center in Clinton.

Communities were invited to submit full applications after preliminary applications were reviewed by HUD. Deadline for the applications was July 28.

Conditional applications submitted by local governments invited to apply for funds by HUD will not be funded this year, WCIEDD Regional Planner Mark Blade said.

Money is awarded to conditional applicants only if HUD does not distribute all funds available. This year, all funds were allocated, leaving none for conditional applicants.

Conditional applications were submitted by Clinton: $252,000 for water system improvements and streets; Vigo County: $160,000 for housing demolition and Knightsville: $33,000 for a senior citizens' center addition.

West Central has been working closely with Cloverdale which hopes to fund 10 units of Rural Rental Housing for Senior Citizens through Farmers Home Administration.

Mark Blade has provided technical assistance in pre-application work. Blade is also seeking input for a district housing element. Information about the item has been presented in each of WCIEDD's six counties.

Nolot leads WCIEDD staff

Merv Nolot, former WCIEDD transportation planner, moved to WCIEDD's helm in August after being named executive director by West Central's board of directors.

Nolot, a 31-year-old Frenchtown, Ind. native, replaces Richard White who resigned.

The new director is a four-year veteran of West Central's planning process. Before becoming transportation planner in February, 1976, he served as a regional planner.

Although his employment with the WCIEDD didn't begin until August, 1973, Nolot was no stranger to West Central before then.

The tall, bearded director wrote a thesis about West Central while earning a masters in public administration from ISU.

The thesis was titled,"A Study of the West Central Indiana Economic Development District and its Influence Upon Local Government."

Nolot earned a bachelor of science degree at ISU, majoring in political science with a minor in geography.

On the national level, Nolot has earned recognition as a 1977 Outstanding Young Man of America.

Parke County has also recognized Nolot's work. Parke County Commissioners presented him with a plaque for helping the county obtain funds to renovate its picturesque covered bridges.

The new executive director is a member of the American Political Science Association and the American Society for Public Administration.

He served in the National Guard and was a graduate and resident assistant and a housing assistant director while at ISU.

An avid sports fan, Nolot enjoys athletics, art and cooking. He rosides in Terre Haute.

A note from the director...

This quarter has seen a good deal of progress in evey program comprising the WCIEDD.

The district staff has begun an effort to reassess priorities on a county-by-county basis.

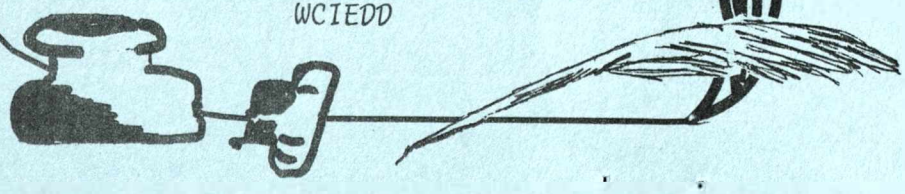
The support and acceptance of WCIEDD and its programs within the six-county area have been very encouraging.

As we prepare for a new year, we hope to be of even greater assistance to the towns and counties within the West Central portion of the state, and to be able to help them meet their needs in the area of growth and development .

Solutions to most problems are not easy, but through a cooperative effort, West Central and the local areas can apply combined skills and expertise that can go a long way towards meeting local needs.

I am personally looking forward to meeting those persons in the six-county area whom I have not yet met, and in working hand in hand with you in whatever way that may benefit your community.

Merv Nolot
Executive Director
WCIEDD

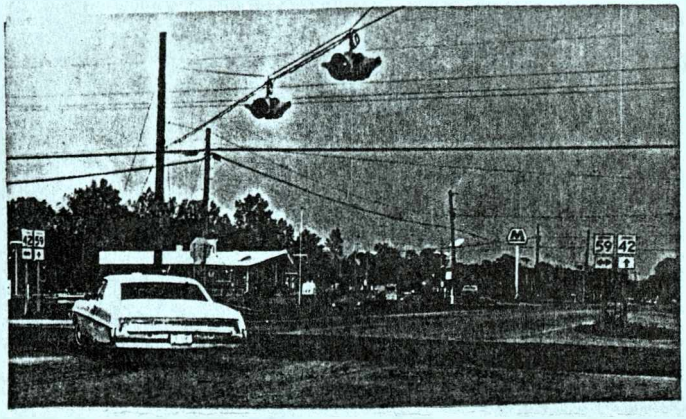


Clay County intersection will be modernized soon

PERSEVERANCE HAS PAID OFF IN A YEAR-OLD BATTLE TO MODERNIZE A DANGEROUS INTERSECTION AT STATE ROADS 42 AND 59 IN CLAY COUNTY.

BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERCHANGE WERE OPENED AUG. 23 BY THE INDIANA HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

RALPH ROGERS AND CO. OF BLOOMINGTON SUBMITTED THE LOW BID OF $87,954.74 FOR THE PROJECT WHICH ENGINEERS ESTIMATED WOULD COST $122,940.50.



PLANS FOR THE INTERSECTION INCLUDE A NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM, MODERNIZATION OF THE FLASHING BEACON SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN USE, AND MARKED TURN LANES.

INTERSECTION APPROACHES WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED.

SPEED LIMIT FOR THE AREA WILL BE REDUCED FROM 55 TO 40MPH.

COMPLETION DATE FOR THE PROJECT IS MAY, 1978.

WEST CENTRAL INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MERV NOLOT, FORMERLY TRANSPORTATION PLANNER FOR THE DISTRICT, SPEARHEADED EFFORTS TO BRING THE INTERSECTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE INDIANA HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

CLAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER, VIRGIL DIERDORFF AND CLAY COUNTY COUNCILMAN, HERMAN BUCKALEW PUSHED FOR INTERSECTION MODERNIZATION FOLLOWING THREE 1976 FATALITIES AT THE CROSSING. RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE AREA HAD ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT THE INTERSECTION.

Have a water quality problem?

Are you aware of a problem affecting water quality in your area? Have suggestions, questions on how water pollution can be alleviated?

The 208 Water Quality staff at WCIEDD is eager to hear your ideas. Public input is encouraged and sought in every phase of the 208 program.

Feel free to contact the 208 clean water staff at the Terre Haute House, P.O. Box 359, 700 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana 47808, 812-238-1561.

Slides, films and speakers are available to discuss the 208 Water Quality program with any club or organization in Parke, Clay, Sullivan, Vigo, Putnam or Vermillion counties.

208: Swimmable, fishable water by 1983

Clean water safe for recreation, fish and wildlife: that's the goal of the WCIEDD 208 Water Quality staff. The 208 program is derived from Section 208 of the 1972 Water Pollution Control Act, Public Law 92-500, which sets a national goal of swimmable, fishable water by 1983.

An area wide wastewater treatment management plan will be developed and released in 1978. Subject to local government and public review, the plan will outline proposals for conquering water pollution in Clay, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo and Parke counties.

Areas reviewed in the plan will be acid mine drainage, erosion and sediment control, municipal waste, feedlot runoff, industrial waste and water supplies.

A look at one segment of the planning process -- acid mine drainage -- is offered in the newsletter story below.

Gobs of mine waste pollute

Most people never think about gob piles and slurry ponds.

It's a different story for Tom Thomas, 208 water quality management planner.

The two slang-sounding terms are key concerns in Thomas' effort to locate mine-related sources of water pollution.

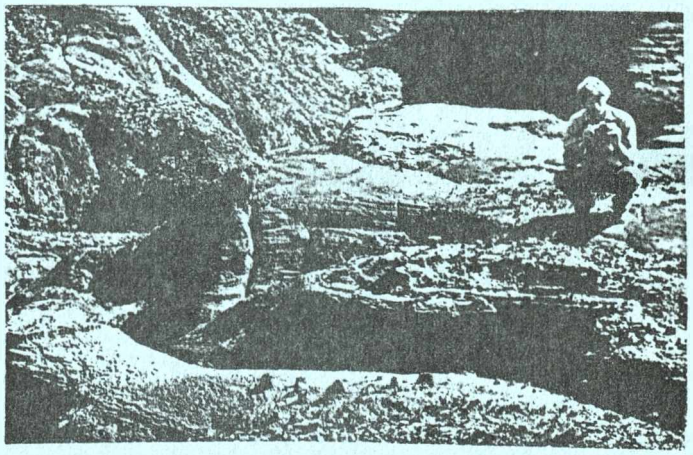
During five months employment in the 208 program, Thomas has attempted to identify and list water pollution problems caused by abandoned coal mines in the six counties comprising WCIEDD.

He is compiling information and watching for acid mine drainage and siltation in lakes and streams in Putnam, Vermillion, Vigo, Sullivan, Clay and Parke counties and the Wabash River.

Randy Dunfee, WCIEDD statistician-technician, is responsible for collecting analysis data and water samples of streams near mining operations.

Once stream pollution problems are identified and listed according to priorities, Thomas will develop reclamation plans for abandoned mine areas.

Gob -- piles of mine refuse -- and slurry ponds -- bodies of water where fine coal particles are flushed for settling -- are major causes of stream pollution in the area, Thomas has found.



Tom Thomas photographs gob piles

Both exist long after a mining operation has ceased to operate.

Acid mine drainage has also been traced to "one or two strip mines" and a few shaft mines in the area.

Acid mine drainage develops when pyrites -- discarded during mining -- are exposed to air and water, creating sulfuric acid. Rains wash acid and acid-producing materials into streams, affecting the PH of the water.

Acidity levels of less than PH 4.5 can be lethal to aquatic fauna. Between 4.5 and 5.2, fish may be deformed or display abnormal behavior.

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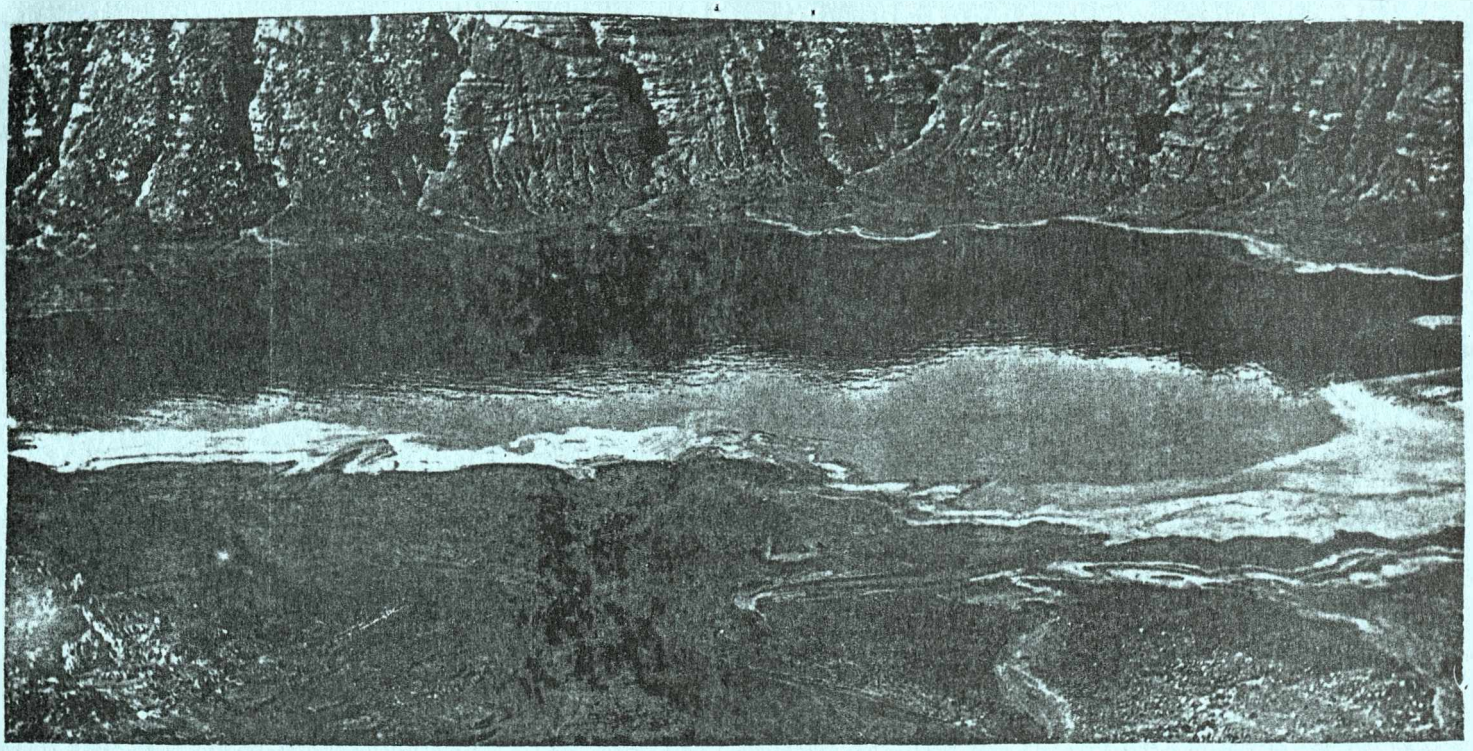

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Water pollution and coal mine wastes

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Egg hatchability and egg production may be reduced if PH is between 5.2 and 6.6.

Some PH readings in local streams and lakes have been recorded at 2.5.

Naturally occurring metals, primarily ferric (iron) metals and sulfur in gob piles and slurry ponds mix with water, causing discoloration.

This discoloration is not only displeasing to the eye, but also retards photosynthesis in aquatic plant life by reducing light's ability to reach the plant.

Aquatic life may also be coated with reddish oxides, further reducing the photosynthetic process.

Sedimentation -- settling of solids in the streambed, caused by erosional runoff -- can build up stream beds, destroy fish spawning areas and cause flooding as stream-flow carrying capacity decreases.

If streams with salts, acids and metals feed into the source of a city's drinking supply, cost for purifying water will rise, Thomas said.

Water near mining sites is tested for acidity, dissolved oxygen count, metals and conductivity.

Orange discoloration in water, sedimentation and general stream appearance are also noted.

Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation data and library materials plus input from concerned citizens also pin-point water pollution from mines.

More about

Clean water & mining

Deep cut

Runoff gathers in hollowed gorges and cuts at Green Valley Mine in Vigo County and trickles into West Little Sugar Creek which flows into Sugar Creek which feeds into the Wabash River.

Areas where acid mine drainage or siltation found

VIGO COUNTY:
Honey Creek
Otter Creek, north branch
Splunge Creek
Wabash River
Sugar Creek

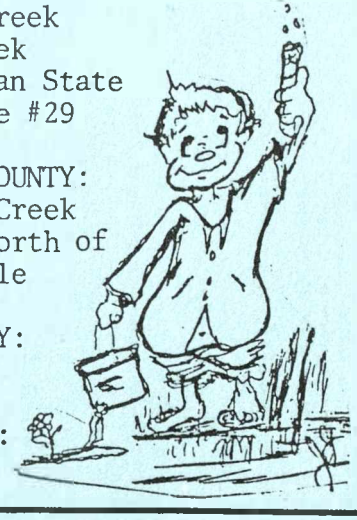
CLAY COUNTY:
Lost Creek (located in Vigo County but trouble areas are in Clay County)
Otter Creek, north branch
Little Birch Creek
Chinook Mine's slurry ponds

SULLIVAN COUNTY:
Kettle Creek
Sulphur Creek
Mud Creek
Buttermilk Creek
Big Branch Creek
Busseron Creek
Green-Sullivan State Forest Lake #29

VERMILLION COUNTY:
Brouilletts Creek
Coal Creek north of Shirkieville

PUTNAM COUNTY:
None

PARKE COUNTY:
None



Know about a water pollution problem caused by abandoned mines in Vermillion, Vigo, Parke, Clay, Sullivan or Putnam counties?
Contact Tom Thomas, 208 water quality management planner at WCIEDD, 812-238-1561.

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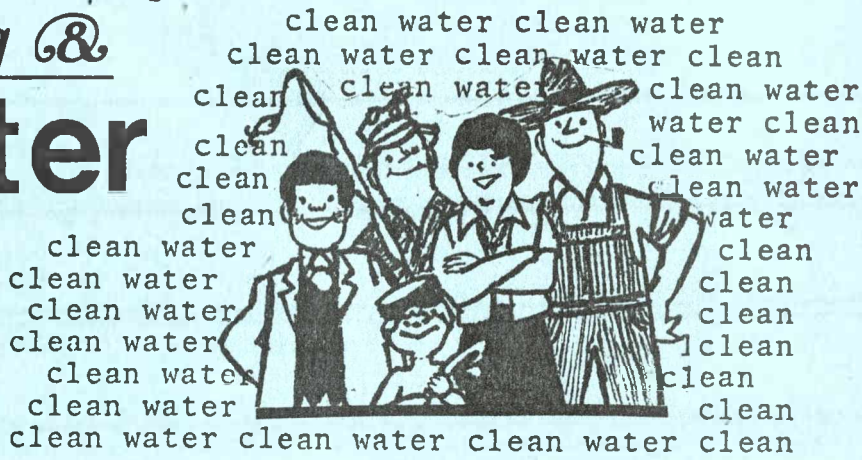


Alternatives

Water quality and mine reclamation problems exist in Sullivan and Vigo counties, and to a lesser degree, in Clay and Vermillion counties.

Parke and Putnam counties have "very few abandoned mine problems," according to 208 Water Quality Management Planner, Tom Thomas.

Possible alternatives for alleviating or reducing problems caused by abandoned mines include:

- MINE OUT AND PROCESS GOB AND SLURRY MINE REFUSE, COVERING ANYTHING REMAINING.
- GRADE, THEN COVER GOB PILES AND SLURRY PONDS WITH DIRT AND POSSIBLY FLY ASH.
- CREATE RUNOFF DIVERSION DITCHES AROUND GOB, SLURRY OR STRIP AREA.
- SEAL THE SOURCE WITH CHEMICAL GELS OR COVER WITH PLASTIC SHEETING.
- TREAT AFFECTED WATER.
- CREATE SETTLING PONDS FOR REFUSE SETTLEMENT. PUT LIME IN WATER TO NEUTRALIZE ACIDITY.
- USE LIMESTONE "TRAPS" IN STREAM BED TO REDUCE ACIDITY.
- SEAL OFF SHAFT MINES
- USE A COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

Workshop planned

A special mining and water quality workshop tackling water pollution problems caused by abandoned mines will be presented by the clean water people at WCIEDD.

The workshop will be from 1-5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27 on the second floor of the Terre Haute House, 700 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute.

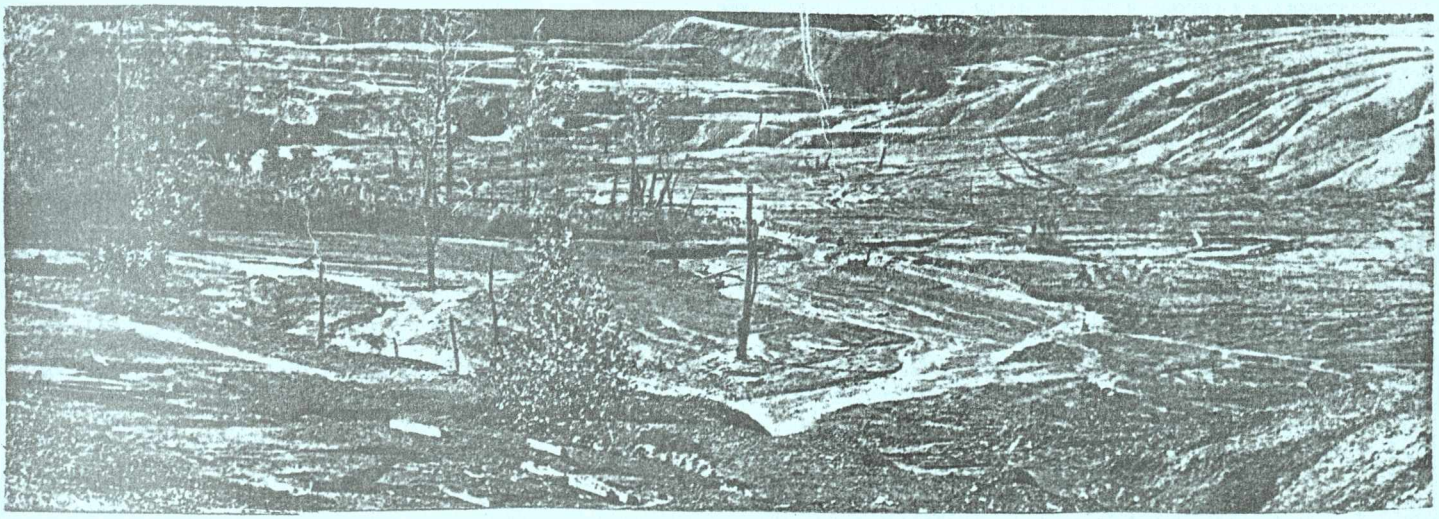
It's a snap

Photographing mine wastes is all in a day's work for Tom Thomas, WCIEDD Planner.

Guest speakers will include representatives from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, WCIEDD, AMAX, Peabody Coal Co. and Colvac International Corporation.

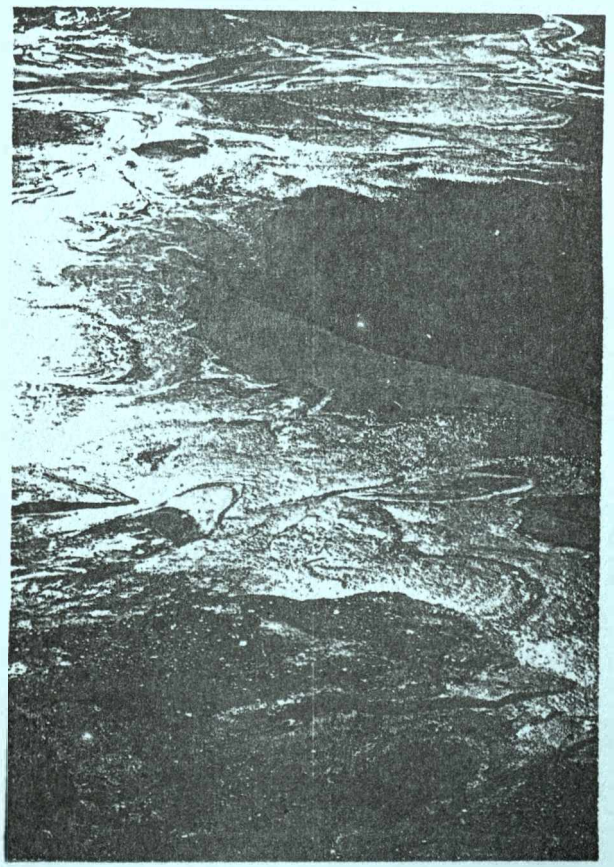
Strip mine legislation, best management practices, tried and proposed alternatives for solving the problem, including processing gob piles and slurry ponds, will be discussed.

The meeting is open to the public. Water Quality Management Planner, Tom Thomas coordinated the workshop.



Desolate...

A desolate, barren wasteland abandoned to time and the elements. That's Green Valley Mine in Vigo County (above). Acid mine drainage and siltation from the mine feed directly and via a tributary (left) into West Little Sugar Creek, killing all aquatic life. The mine's old slurry pond (below), now an acidic lake, is also lifeless. Pollution has taken its toll on both bodies of water pictured.



Water quality committees will meet soon

WCIEDD water quality county advisory committees will meet in November and December to select best management practices for non-point pollution control.

Advisory committee members will be asked to determine which non-point pollution management alternative will best serve the needs of their county. A list of proposed alternatives is available at the WCIEDD water quality office.

Non-point pollution decisions will apply to agriculture and other sources of water pollution which cannot be traced to a specific discharge source such as a pipe or ditch.

Each county committee will choose which alternative it prefers to use in its fight against pollution.

Also on each county's agenda will be discussion of abandoned mine reclamation and municipal wastewater treatment management practices. Decisions on each of these items will be reached at later meetings.

Meetings are scheduled for:

Putnam County: 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17 in the USDA Building on State Road 231N in Greencastle.

Parke County: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the REMC Building in Rockville.

Clay County: 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8 in Gregory's Restaurant at State Roads 59 and 42 near Brazil.

Shown above are: Charles Felkner of Parke County, Inc., Bill Wilson of Beam Longest and Neff; Gerald Garrard of Garrard Excavating Co; WCIEDD Executive Director Merv Nolot; County Councilman Dale Gerrish; Larry Gambaiani and Senator Birch Bayh. Left are: County Commissioner Luther Meyers; Nolot; Commissioner Max Causey; County Highway Supervisor Bill McMillan and Bayh.

Parke County bridge dedicated

"A classic example of what can be accomplished through federal assistance and local initiative joined in a common goal."

That's how Senator Birch Bayh (D-Ind) described renovation of Parke County's Jackson Covered Bridge during dedication ceremonies Sunday.

"This bridge, which is the longest covered span in the nation, crosses more than water," Bayh said. "It also spans the course of Hoosier history, and it symbolizes the future as well, for this project in Parke County did much to emphasize the special needs of non-urban communities in transportation."

Parke County received $400,000 in Economic Development Administration (EDA) special impact funds to restore 20 covered bridges. In addition, Parke County contributed $10,000 and Parke County Inc. donated $10,000.

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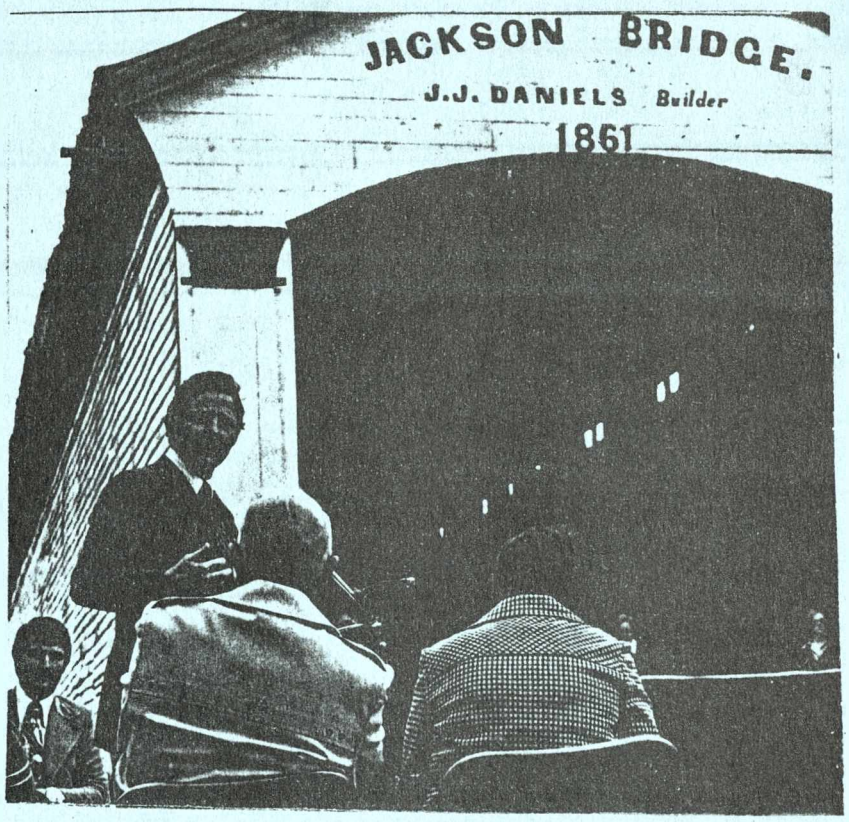
Bridge's dedication

Jackson Bridge, a 207-foot, 157½ ton wooden bridge over Sugar Creek north of Annapolis was the most expensive bridge repair project.

Built in 1866 by J.J. Daniels, the bridge cost $100,000 to renovate. Replacing the bridge would have cost $900,000 according to engineer Bill Wilson of Beam, Neff and Longest architectural engineering firm. Average bridge cost was $11,000.

Work on the bridge began in August 1976 and was completed in July 1977. Parke County's covered bridge renovation project kept a total of 90 people employed for 64,500 manhours.



Senator Bayh dedicates bridge in Parke County.

Park grant requests exceed cash

While the amount of Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR) funds available for local park projects has doubled from $1.6 million to $3.2 million, requests from local park boards have kept pace with the two to one ratio.

This means only one out of every two applicants will be funded this year.

In the West Central Indiana Economic Development District, two applications have been submitted for possible funding.

One of these projects is a greatly needed new swimming pool for Brazil. Estimated cost is $325,000.

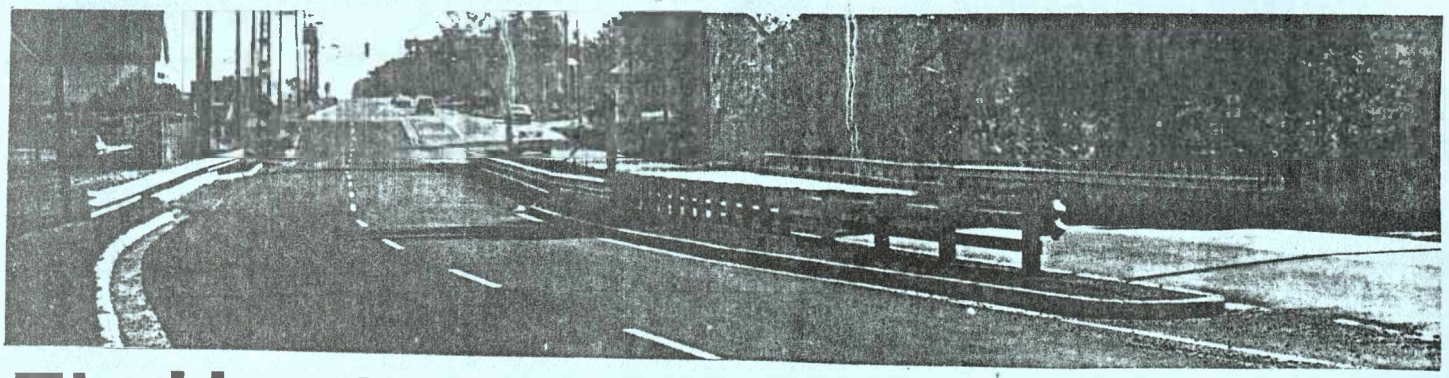
Local funding share for this project is being raised through a local fund drive led by Dick McCullough and Jack Pickett in cooperation with Mayor Norval Pickett and the Brazil City Council.

The other application completes initial development of the Vermillion County Community Park system.

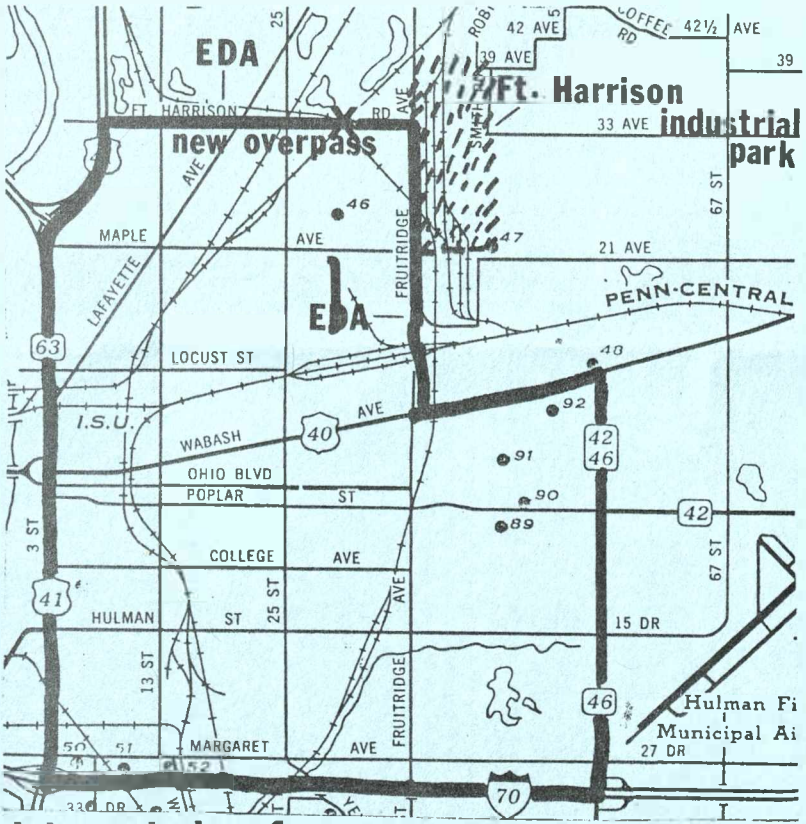
The Hillsdale Park application for $32,000 is the last in a series of BOR-funded park projects undertaken over the past several years by the Vermillion County Board of Parks and Recreation.

The completed system will provide adequate recreational opportunities for all Vermillion County residents where ever they may live in the county.

WCIEDD Regional Planner Steve Wallis has assisted Brazil and Vermillion County in their efforts to obtain BOR funds.



Ft. Harrison Road project moves on to phase three



Health fair will include two WCIEDD displays

Visitors to the third annual Wabash Valley Health Fair Nov. 11-12 will see double West Central representation.

WCIEDD's 208 Clean Water and Area 7 Aged and Aging programs will each sponsor displays 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Honey Creek Square.

Free health screenings, entertainment and information about health-related services in the Wabash Valley will be available at the autumn "harvest for health."

Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding has helped provide Terre Haute with a new four-lane northeast corridor to the Ft. Harrison Industrial Park area.

The three-phase project created new construction jobs for the community in addition to providing much needed access to the industrial park.

Work on phase two, four laning of Ft. Harrison Road between 13th street and U.S. 41, was completed this fall. Phase two included construction of a four-lane, two-span bridge over Lost Creek near 13th and Ft. Harrison Road.

Phase three, now underway, includes widening of Ft. Harrison Road between 25th street and Fruitridge Avenue and construction of a railroad overpass at Preston Railroad crossing near the Visqueen plant.

The city is paying for phase three with money from its capital improvements fund.

EDA grants paid for 50 per cent of the project. A $1,224,500 grant in 1974 was supplemented with $231,171.85 in 1976.

Part of the city's 50 percent matching share was funded with TOPICS and city money when Ft. Harrison Road between 13th and 25th street in front of Plaza North Shopping Center was widened in 1974.

Vigo County cumulative bridge funds constructed the bridge over Lost Creek, making the project a funding effort by city and county governments.

Ft. Harrison Road improvements will provide dual-lane access to the industrial park via a northeast belt around the city from U.S. 41 via Harrison Road and Fruitridge Avenue to U.S. 40 which ties into I-70.

Clinton gets first scoop

Digging in to help create more housing for senior citizens and the handicapped, Clinton officials broke ground in September for a new apartment complex.

Groundbreaking for a 61-unit, three-story housing project coincided with the town's Labor Day weekend Little Italy Festival celebration.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will provide up to $193,980 in rent subsidies to the developer.

Developed with private funds, the complex will be eligible to receive a federal subsidy based on each renter's ability to to pay rent.

Renters will pay a HUD-specified amount of rent. The difference between the person's ability to pay and the fair market value of the apartment, will be paid through a federal subsidy.

Expected completion date of the 61 units is June, 1978.

About 10 per cent of apartment units will be equipped for the handicapped.

Housing units are earmarked for persons over 62 and for the handicapped.

Apartments will be individually heated and air conditioned. Carpeting, drapes, kitchen appliances such as garbage disposals, refrigerators and stoves. Renters will provide their own furnishings. A security entrance will be provided.

(Photo courtesy Daily Clintonian)

Attending the groundbreaking were (pictured above) City Attorney Joe Beardsley II, City Councilman Wakefield Kirkman, City Councilman Tony Costello, Clerk Treasurer Marie Meadows, City Councilman Fred Meyer and, wielding a shovel, Mayor Hugh McGill, Jr.

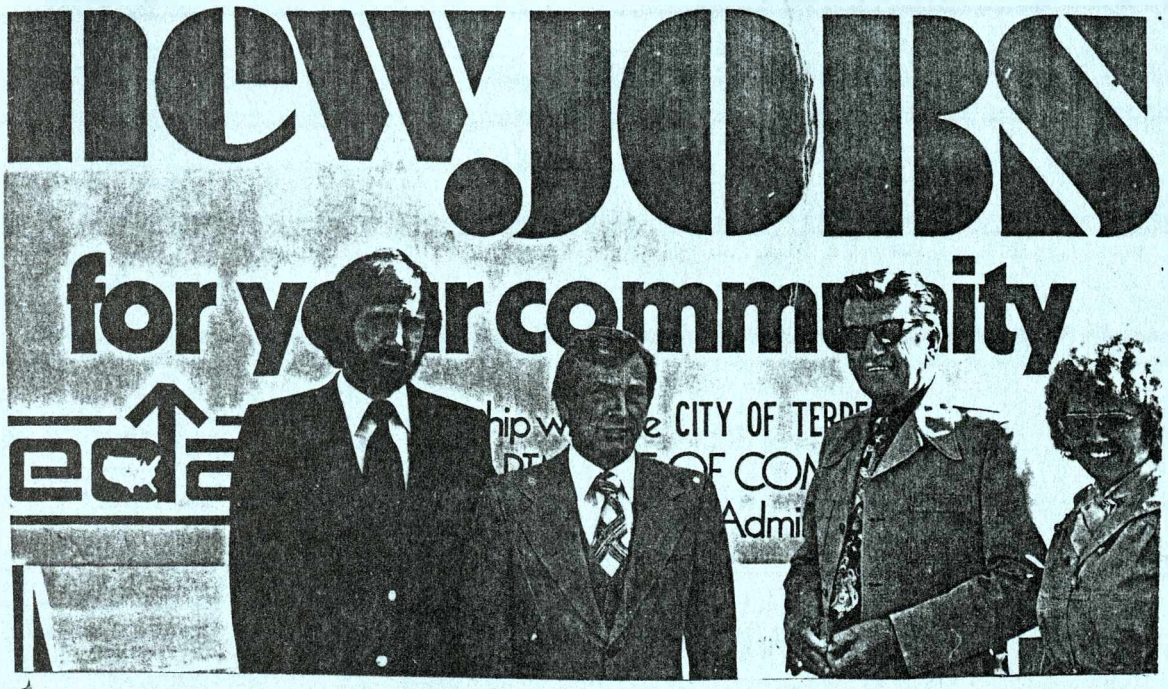
Also attending were Clinton Housing Authority President Ernie Weber, Section Eight Coordinator for developers Guy N. Ramsey Co. of Tell City, Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Domenick Avenatti, Chamber of Commerce President John Scott, Councilman Ed Groves, Police Chief Ben Turchi, Public Service Indiana representative John Morris, Area Plan Commission member George B. Carey, Street Department Supervisor Frank Turchi and Mike Rendaci.

Other Clinton Housing Authority members at the groundbreaking were Secretary Margaret Goodman, Treasurer Wes Malone and Vice-president Bob Morris.

About 50 representatives from Area 7 attended the Governor's Conference on Aging in Indianapolis, Oct. 23-25 at the Atkinson Hotel. Theme for the conference was "In Pursuit of a Healthy Life."

Workshops, mini-conferences and on-site workshop-tours focused on health problems of the elderly.

White House Counselor on Aging Nelson Cruikshank discussed the effect of national legislation on the lives of older Americans.



This sign at U.S. 41 and Ft. Harrison Road in Terre Haute tells passing motorists the source of funding for Ft. Harrison Road improvements. Helping secure EDA funds were: WCIEDD Executive Director Merv Nolot, Terre Haute Mayor William Brighton, Vigo County Commissioner and WCIEDD Board President John Scott and WCIEDD District Analyst Sharon Baker.

Site catalogue available

A Catalogue of Industrial Sites, Parks and Buildings located in the district's six counties has been updated and printed for use in answering inquiries from prospective and existing industry.

Each site is detailed and includes items like flood data, soil type, topography, utilities, transportation services and access plus location, acreage, zoning, tax rate, price and contact.

This sort of information is made available as an on-going part of the overall economic development program prepared by each county's planning group and by the District Industrial Development Committee.

Contact Sharon Baker or Steve Wallis for further information or for copies of the catalogue.

Inland access road gains state approval

Inland Container's access road in Vermillion County will have a safer railroad crossing, thanks to efforts by Vermillion County Commissioners, Inland officials and WCIEDD.

Phase one funding for preliminary engineering has been approved by the State Highway Commission for installation of signals at the road's railroad crossing.

Several accidents have occurred at the railroad crossing east of State Road 63 and north of Newport due to increased traffic at Inland Container, according to WCIEDD Executive Director Merv Nolot.

Vermillion County Commissioners and Inland requested signals be installed at the railroad crossing. Second phase of the project will be construction.

Nolot, formerly WCIEDD's transportation planner, assisted the county in obtaining funding from the State Highway Commission. Approval came in September.

WEST CENTRAL INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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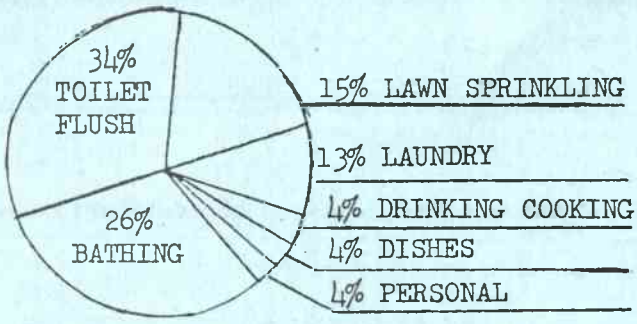
Hearing on bill will be held here

Senator Charles Percy, R-Ill., will conduct a hearing on the Older Americans Act in Terre Haute, Nov. 11 at First Baptist Church, 4701 Poplar St. The hearing will be one of two conducted in the Midwest by members of the Senate's Committee on Aging, according to Jean Cox, director of WCIEDD's Aging and Aged program.

Four or five persons will testify during the afternoon hearing. Afterwards, comments will be invited from the public. Topic for the session will be changes needed in the Older Americans' Act which lapses June 30. Items covered in the act include Title three and Title seven programs, priority services in the home, transportation, legal and information referrals.

Anyone wishing additional information about the hearing should contact Jean Cox at 238-1561.



Average Annual Household Water Use

Conserve:

Use less water; Every drop counts

How can the average citizen conserve water? The above drawing shows typical domestic water use. Toilet flushing, bathing and lawn sprinkling are areas where most families could reduce consumption by 20-30 percent. The sketch appeared in the February issue of Oregon's Environment, published by Oregon State University's Water Resources Research Institute.

Dining = fun

Active participants in Riley and Sullivan's nutrition programs are proving dining can be fun.

Riley diners entertained Riley Lions Club members Aug. 20 with a special carry-in dinner provided by the senior citizens.

Fun and games and an extra special meal were the Riley diners' way of saying thanks to the Lions and their hard-working wives for helping establish the nutrition site.

Riley senior citizens are helping remodel the building. A garage sale Sept. 24 helped collect funds for purchase of kitchen cabinets for the center.

Sullivan County senior citizens enjoyed a picnic at Sullivan Lake on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Nutrition site participants from throughout the county enjoyed games and visiting with each other. The day was possible thanks to the efforts of Sullivan County site directors and Nora Rinehart, director of the Sullivan Senior Citizens Center.

Nutrition program celebrates fourth birthday with cake and ice cream

Area Seven's Nutrition Program for the Aged and Aging celebrated its fourth birthday in style, Oct. 18.

A special menu with birthday cake and ice cream delighted the tastebuds of nutrition center visitors on the fourth anniversary of the program's birth.

Four years ago, senior citizens lunched at 11 nutrition sites.

Today, 26 sites in Vigo, Putnam, Parke, Vermillion, Sullivan and Clay counties serve nutrition program meals.

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Federal aid review

July, August and September, 1977

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TOWN, COUNTY OR AGENCY	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Cloverdale Community Housing, Inc.	$ 407,000	Rural Rental Housing Program
Clear Creek Conservancy District	1,032,000	Expansion of Sewage Disposal Plant & Installation of Sanitary Sewer
Town of Knightsville	30,000	Installation of 300 new water meters
Town of West Terre Haute	244,000	Construction of water lines, drilling wells & construction of two well houses
City of Greencastle Park Board	3,120	City Park Land Drainage

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

West Central Indiana Economic Development District	4,000	Economic Development District Operation Assistance
Town of Fairview Park	285,000	Local Public Works; construction of new elevated storage facility; improvements to well fields and reinforcement to water district system
Town of Fairview Park	285,000	Local Public Works; water distribution system improvement
Town of Fairview Park	285,000	Local Public Works; road improvements
Putnam County	107,000	Local Public Works; road improvements
Vermillion County	82,000	Local Public Works; new County Highway garage
City of Terre Haute	415,000	Local Public Works; Downtown Improvement & Beautification
City of Terre Haute	200,000	Local Public Works; street improvement

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

TOWN, COUNTY OR AGENCY	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Southern Ind. Health Systems Agency	$ 592,290	Health Planning

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

State Planning Services Agency	992,679	Comprehensive Planning Assistance

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Brazil Park Board	332,000	Development of new swimming pool, nature trail & picnic shelter for Forest Park
Vermillion County Park Board	32,000	Construction of tennis courts, picnic shelter & restrooms; reconstruction of ball diamond

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Ind. Criminal Justice Planning Agency, Region VI (All six counties)	345,025	Comprehensive Plan FY 1978

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

State of Ind Office of Manpower Development (Affecting Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan and Vermillion Counties	6,339,365	Public Service Employment, CETA FY 1977, Title VI, modification 11
Ind. Office of Manpower (Affecting Clay, Parke, Putnam Sullivan & Vermillion Counties	3,705,435	CETA FY 1976, Title II, modification # 13, Public Service Employment
Vigo County Manpower Development	186,945	CETA, Title VI, Modif. #10
Vigo County Manpower Development	593,278	CETA, Title I
Ind. Office of Manpower Dev. (Affecting only Vigo Co. of the district counties) - includes all of Indiana	3,973,014	CETA, Title I, Governor's Special Grants
Indiana Office of Manpower Dev. (Affects Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan & Vermillion counties)	9,597,030	CETA, FY 1978 Title II, modification #15

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

TOWN, COUNTY OR AGENCY	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Indiana Office of Manpower Dev. (Affects all six counties)	$13,455,590	Title I, Modification #13, Comprehensive Manpower Services
Indiana Office of Manpower Dev. (Affects Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan & Vermillion counties)	43,525,676	CETA FY 1978 Title VI, Modification #13, Public Service Employment
Vigo County Manpower Dept.	6,205	CETA, Title II, Youth Employment & Projects Act of 1977
Vigo County Manpower Dept.	98,155	CETA, Title II, modif. #8
Vigo County Manpower Dept.	1,211,856	CETA, Title VI

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

City of Terre Haute	200,000	Preliminary engineering activity for grade separation at US 41 and Conrail

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Town of Bainbridge	99,314	Facilities Plan, Sewage Work Project, Step II

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (CSA)

Vigo County E.O.A. Committee,Inc.	195,445	Community Action Program
E.O.A.C. of Daviess,Greene,Knox and Sullivan counties	257,308	Summary of Work Programs for year beginning Nov. 1, 1977
E.O.A.C. of Daviess,Greene,Knox and Sullivan counties	58,154	Community Food & Nutrition Program
Community Action Program, Inc. for Fountain,Parke,Vermillion and Warren counties	16,500	Community Food & Nutrition Program
Vigo County E.O.A. Committee,Inc.	18,700	Emergency Conservation Program Service Activity
Vigo County E.O.A. Committee, Inc.	53,103	Weatherization - Crisis intervention
Vigo County E.O.A. Committee, Inc.	119,715	" "
Indiana Office of Manpower Dev. (Affecting all six counties)	None	Farmworkers Program

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TOWN, COUNTY OR AGENCY	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Town of Centerpoint	$ 100,000	Construction of water treatment plant & new wells
City of Brazil	44,040	Repair existing well and construction of new well
Town of Bainbridge	605,000	Water Treatment Plant and distribution system improvement

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Economic Opportunity Committee of Daviess, Greene, Knox and Sullivan Counties, Inc.	95,322	Medical services, social services & referrals, educational services to patient & community. Staff development & consumer participation
Planned Parenthood of the Wabash Valley	279,775	Three clinics in Brazil, Clinton and Terre Haute serve Clay, Parke, Vermillion and Vigo counties
Child-Adult Resource Services, Inc., Clay-Owen-Putnam County Head Start	88,348	Head Start Program - continuation of full year, part day main operational & service grant

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Vigo County Manpower Dept.	6,205	Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Title III. Youth Employment & demonstration projects act of 1977
Vigo County Manpower Dept.	98,155	Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Title II, Modification #8, Annual Plan
Vigo County Manpower Dept.	1,211,856	Comprehensive Employment & Training Act, Title VI, Public Service Employment Program

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Vigo County E.O.A. Committee	198,057	Foster Grandparent Program. Continuation
Putnam County Council on Aging	30,919	Retired Senior Volunteer Program to create opporunities

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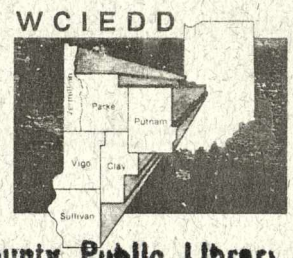

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Additional Funds Tagged for LPW Program

A revised Local Public Works Bill has been passed by Congress. The bill adds $4 billion to the program, with the aim of funding construction projects in more parts of the country.

For Indiana, the new appropriation means $39 million added to the $22 million awarded late last year. Final regulations on how the new money will be divided are scheduled to be printed May 24. The West Central staff will summarize them for each community or county which has projects under review. Currently, the following aspects of funding procedure are known:

1) Each application which was sent in last fall will be considered automatically. New applications will not be accepted from this area.

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Fort Harrison Project Gets More Money

Terre Haute has received a supplemental matching grant of $231,273 from the Economic Development Administration, which will be used to complete the four-laning of Fort Harrison Road from U.S. 41 to Fruitridge. The project includes construction of a railroad overpass near the Ethyl Visqueen Plant.

The previous cost estimate for the project was two million dollars, and EDA had already approved a one million dollar 50% matching grant. However, delays in obtaining right-of-way and price escalations have boosted the total project cost past the original estimate. The supplemental grant will be used to cover the excess cost.

Portion of Fort Harrison Road to be improved.

Rail crossing on Fort Harrison where overpass is planned.

LPW Funds cont.

2) Late in May local governments will receive a form from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to revise some of the outdated information on last year's applications. The form should be returned to EDA by June 14.

3) No decision has been made on what source will be used for unemployment rates. In this area, there will be unemployment rates for Terre Haute, Vigo County, and for each of the five other West Central counties. These separate rates will be used to calculate a "target" amount to be spent in each area.

4) In cases of low unemployment rates (generally, below 6.5% for the most recent 2 months), the target amount will be zero, and projects will not be funded. We expect, for example, that Sullivan County and Vigo County outside Terre Haute will probably not be eligible.

5) In cases of a county having more dollars requested for projects than its "target" amount, local officials will choose the priority of projects to receive local public works dollars.

6) Recipients of grants cannot use their own employees to do the work; it must be contracted out using acceptable bidding practices.

7) EDA will mail grant award letters between June 15 and August 15 and expects construction to begin no later than November 15.

Community Block Grant Applications Selected

A number of WCIEDD communities and counties have been invited to submit full applications for 1977 Community Development Block grants. The following projects have received the invitations:

Dugger - $27,000
Renovation of building for senior citizens' center

Sullivan - $65,000
Acquisition of land and demolition of building

Universal - $50,000
Water wells and lines

Clinton - $33,000
Renovation of building for senior citizens' center

West Terre Haute - $29,000
Water well

Vigo County - $50,000
Homesteading program

Brazil - $30,000
Extension of sewer lines

Additionally, four projects were asked to submit conditional applications: Knightsville for a senior citizens' center addition ($33,000), Vigo County for demolition ($160,000), Clinton for a water drainage system ($92,000) and for streets ($160,000). All applications must be submitted to the state clearinghouse by June 14 and to HUD by July 28.

Indiana Develops New Energy Policy for State

In response to the requirements of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, the state of Indiana has begun to develop an Energy Conservation Plan for Indiana. The goal of the plan is to reduce energy consumption 5% by 1980.

The plan considers five mandatory savings programs provided for in the act: (1) lighting efficiency standards for non-federal buildings, (2) carpool-vanpool program development, (3) standards for state office purchases of energy-consuming devices, (4) thermal efficiency standards in buildings covered by the Administrative Building Council, (5) right turn on red.

Other non-mandatory programs are being studied to meet Indiana's goal. Those include enforcement of the 55 mph speed limit, promotion of public transportation usage, energy audits of all buildings, energy conservation workshops, home weatherization programs, and agricultural energy-saving procedures.

Economic Development Workshop Topic

Under the Chairmanship of William Price, the WCIEDD-RC&D Industrial Development Committee hosted a workshop discussion about economic development on May 16, 1977 at the Terre Haute Holiday Inn. Community leaders from West Central Indiana and East Central Indiana met in a late afternoon and early evening session in order to exchange ideas and experiences about the notion of industrial growth.

Speakers and group discussion leaders were West Central Indiana - East Central Illinois people who are involved in the overall concept of economic development, and representatives of agencies and industry with first-hand knowledge of the area. Subject matters included existing industry and the opportunity for more jobs, what industry is looking for in plant sites, recreation and tourism as an industry, industrial revenue bonding and other methods of financing industrial growth, and the role of transportation in industry.

A summary of the discussion sessions is available from the WCIEDD office upon request.

Public Forums On HUD Housing And Land Use Now Underway

The first round of public meetings is underway in the development of area housing and land use plans for counties in the WCIEDD. The plans are required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding eligibility. Meetings are being held in each of the six WCIEDD counties for both land use information and for housing input. The public has been asked to provide information and express opinions on first draft materials prepared by WCIEDD staffers Mark Blade and Bill Thompson. Scheduled for later this summer are meetings with commissioners in each county for approval of the plans developed.

WCIEDD Transportation: 56 Projects Planned

WCIEDD staff planner Merv Nolot reports that the last few months have been particularly busy for transportation projects. Fifty-six road and bridge projects are planned throughout the district.

Some Parke County plans underway are a bridge over Big Raccoon Creek on Highway 36 and several rail crossing signals. In Clay County, a bridge over Otter Creek on County Road 14 is planned. Putnam County projects include adding markings to paved roads and installation of traffic signals in the county. Similar improvements are planned for Sullivan and Vermillion Counties. In Vigo County, among projects approved are traffic signal modernization on Chestnut Street in Terre Haute and improvements on Seventh Street south of Margaret Avenue.

A complete listing of transportation projects planned in the six-county area is available at the WCIEDD office.

WCIEDD staff members Merv Nolot and Larry Lidster have been selected as Outstanding Young Men of America for 1977. The award recognizes outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability, and exceptional service to the community. Nolot is a transportation planner with the district, and Lidster works with the Water Quality Program.

Nutrition Opens Site, Celebrates Easter

The Nutrition Program opened its 24th site on April 11 at Carlisle, where approximately 60 meals were served the first day. Mrs. Hazel Wolfe is the local director. With the help of the Green Thumb Program, home deliveries are also being provided in the area surrounding Carlisle. The Carlisle group is already hard at work making a quilt which will be sold to raise finances for the center.

On Wednesday, April 20, two of the Vermillion County sites had very special programs. At Dana, Mrs. Clio Jenks entertained with a program on hat fashions from the past. At St. Bernice on the same day, International Day was celebrated. Each participant brought a dish made from a recipe originating in another country. The feast was topped off with a magic show performed by Mr. Martelle, an 82-year-old magician from Danville, Illinois.

Many of the dining sites celebrated Easter in a special way. Mrs. Jennie Killion and her group of volunteers at Brazil dyed 22 dozen eggs and made 70 Easter baskets which were sent to nursing homes and to the home deliveries. The participants at Hymera all enjoyed an Easter basket made by a junior high school student. At Dreiser Square the South Vigo Choir presented a special program.

Senior Queen Soon Named

The counties that make up Area 7 will be choosing a "Senior Queen" to represent each county in the Area Queen Contest. The choice is made by a panel of judges who have no connection with the county in which they are judging.

The contestants supply the judges with a resume of their accomplishments and are also asked to answer impromptu questions displaying their ability to think and organize their thoughts under pressure.

The queen from each county will compete in the Area Queen Contest which will be held on June 1, 1977 at the Banks-of-the-Wabash Festival. The winner of this title receives many prizes donated by local merchants and the right to go to the state fair for further competition.

Aging Problems WTWO Television News Topic

With the joint efforts of the Area Agency on Aging and WTWO, the people of our area were able to learn more about problems faced by the aging. Newsman Mark Allen put together a week-long series on the aged and aging, which aired the week of April 25-29.

In preparation for the series Mark spent many hours talking with the elderly and becoming familiar with their problems. Mark pointed out negative aspects of retirement, as well as the services which are available to those over 60 years of age. A special thanks to Mark and TV-2 for making area citizens more aware of the problems faced by our aged.

BOW Festival Plans Senior Citizens Day

Wednesday, June 1, will be Senior Citizens Day at the Banks-of-the-Wabash Festival. Registration will begin at 8:00 A.M., with coffee and donuts being served from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M.

With the interest of the senior citizens in mind, many special events have been planned, including entertainment by several area group kitchen bands and a special program honoring the Area 7 Senior Queens. In addition, at 2:00 P.M. Mr. Martelle, an 82-year-old from the Society of American Magicians, will do a magic show.

A box lunch will be served at noon by the ARA Food Services. Tickets for the lunch cost $1.00 and must be purchased in advance.

Everyone - no matter what age - is welcome.

Backyard Water Quality Workshop Draws Crowd

The problems involved in preserving backyard water quality were discussed in a workshop held by the Water Quality Program on May 18th at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. Guest speakers at the workshop included Durland Patterson from the Indiana State Board of Health and Dr. Joseph Yahner from Purdue University. Presiding at the meeting was Leonard Coventry, a member of the program's advisory committee.

The almost fifty people attending the meeting discussed septic tank problems here in West Central Indiana and considered what alternative treatment systems exist. Some of the alternative systems possible were descrsibed by individuals actually involved in the sale and construction of those systems.

Discussion groups considered a number of questions involving the improvement of septic systems. Most attending the workshop emphasized the need for more public education in the care and maintenance of septic systems and recommended more research into alternative systems.

Banks Clean Up Is A Success

Water quality was the topic of the day on May 21st, when almost 250 4-H youngsters got together to clean up the banks of the Wabash River prior to the Banks-of-the-Wabash Festival. The Terre Haute Park Department co-sponsored the event, which emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility. WBOW provided free publicity for the event, and prizes were contributed by Paige's Music, McDonald's Restaurant, and WVTS. RC Bottling Company provided free soft drinks for the workers, and Bemis contributed trash bags for collection of the litter. WTWO's Valarie Jones was on hand to dole out the prizes. During the work period, the workers listened to the latest rock hits, courtesy of the Water Quality Program's Dave Clark.

Mayor William Brighton honored the youngsters with a visit and praised their efforts. He was presented with a "Save Our Streams" T-shirt by the staff.

WCIEDD Celebrates Clean Water Month

May is Clean Water Month in West Central Indiana. Local leaders throughout the district have proclaimed that rivers and streams in the area are important natural resources which should be preserved. Citizens have been called upon to join in the campaign to clean up waterways in the WCIEDD.

A number of activities scheduled throughout the month highlighted the importance of clean water. A poster contest for seventh and eighth graders, sponsored by the Terre Haute First National Bank, motivated a number of entries from the area. Students were asked to design posters to focus attention on water as a resource and the need to preserve water quality. The first prize of fifty dollars and the second prize of twenty-five dollars, along with ten runner-up prizes, will be awarded on Youth Day at the Banks-of-the-Wabash Festival.

LPW Grant Timetable

The latest timetable available shows this schedule for handling Local Public Works grant applications:

May 27 - (EDA) publishes regulations

June 3 - (EDA) publishes target allocations for each county and for cities over 50,000 population. West Central will alert all communities with applications from the District counties.

June 3-10 - EDA will send to last year's unsuccessful applicants the resubmission forms.

June 10-July 8 - Local governments return resubmission forms to EDA.

June 15-August 15 - EDA will review projects and award grants.

NOTE: As with earlier schedules, this is subject to change. Call the West Central office if we can help you get answers about this second round of the program.

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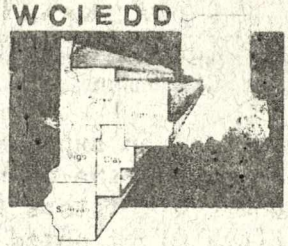
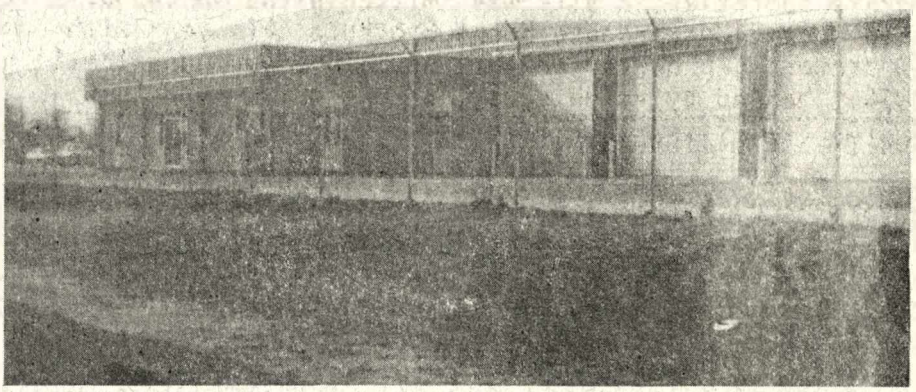


T.H. Bus Garage Opens

Dedication ceremonies were held November first for the new Terre Haute Bus Garage, located at 14th and Deming. The facility was funded through the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, which provided 80% of the $469,685 needed to complete the project. Twenty per cent of the cost was funded through the Terre Haute City Council, including the city land on which the garage was built.

The bus garage features over 18,700 square feet of clear floor space and houses the system's administrative offices. WCIEDD's Merv Nolot, who helped with the grant application, notes that in equipment and design, the Terre Haute garage is one of the midwest's most modern bus facilities.



Terre Haute's new Bus Garage located at 14th and Deming.

Area Towns To Receive Recreation Funds

Three area towns, Greencastle, Perrysville, and Sullivan, anticipate 1977 grants from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The three were among thirty-nine land and water conservation projects recommended by the Natural Resources Commission. In the past BOR has rarely overturned the commission's recommendations.

Greencastle will receive a $60,000 grant to match local funds for construction of new tennis courts, softball diamonds, and landscaping in Robe Ann Park. Perrysville will develop a new community park with a $7,000 matching grant. Sullivan will receive $119,000 to match the value of a swimming pool donated to the city by local residents. The city will use the money for a new tennis court, softball diamond, and other major improvements at the Sullivan City Park.

A fourth WCIEDD project, which was not funded this year, will be eligible for consideration again next year.

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YEAR-END COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE
Warren Foster, Chairman

Development of an expanded tourism brochure and the opening of an arts and crafts store for district artists highlighted a busy year for the Recreation and Tourism Committee.

The committee, a merger of the WCIEDD and Sycamore Trails RC&D committees, began the year by exploring potential for an arts and crafts shop to distribute products of local artists. In cooperation with art guilds and craft societies, a site was located in the Terre Haute House and a store began operation late in 1976. Manned by volunteers, the store sells high quality products ranging from needlework to oil paintings.

In addition, the committee has continued a project to promote the six-county area. The previous year the Sycamore Trails committee had printed and distributed 26,000 brochures listing recreational facilities in the area. In order to promote tourism in the six-county district, the joint committee plans to republish the brochure this year with some revisions and in slightly greater quantity.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Over the past year the Community Facilities Committee has reviewed community development projects which have been prepared for grant applications and pre-applications. In April, the committee prioritized projects and problems in the WCIEDD. Committee members indicated that one high priority for the district as a whole should be the development of more nursing home facilities for the elderly. Other projects listed by the committee were senior citizen centers, local community facilities, water and sewage facility improvements, and housing.

At the December meeting, the group reviewed Community Block Grant regulation changes and C.D. pre-applications for Fiscal Year 1977. The committee is also providing input for the Regional Housing Plan being developed for the WCIEDD and due to HUD by August.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMM.
J. Arthur Mann, Chairman

The Regional Transportation Committee was organized in 1976 to comply with Department of Transportation guidelines. WCIEDD receives DOT planning funds, and the regional advisory committee makes recommendations to the district board on matters concerning transportation development.

During the year the Transportation Committee reviewed the fiscal year 1977 Unified Work Program, the Transportation Systems Management Program, and inter-agency agreements between WCIEDD and Vigo County Area Planning. The committee also made recommendations for the WCIEDD's Overall Economic Development Program, an industrial by-pass and overpass in Greencastle and Putnam County, a new Vigo County Interchange on I-70, a North 3rd Street overpass and grade separations in Terre Haute, access and widening of U.S. 36 and entrance to Billy Creek Village in Parke County, an access road to Lake Sullivan in Sullivan County completion of U.S. 41-63 corridor in Vermillion County, and rail rehabilitation in Clay & Vigo Counties.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
William Price, Chairman

The combination of the WCIEDD and Sycamore Trails RC&D Industrial Development Committees eliminated duplication of effort this year. Meetings concerned preparation for industrial prospects, promotion for industrial development, site surveys, and self-education of committee members.

In February, Builder and Developer Information packets containing data on soil, drainage, home maintenance, and landscaping were completed by the Sycamore Trails RC&D and provided to WCIEDD counties for distribution by Extension offices, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and planning agencies. April and May were devoted to the development of the second stage of the Overall Economic Development Program for the six-county area, which included, along with committee input, information collected on questionnaires and from a series of meetings with county OEDP committees and county-city government officials.
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EPA To Fund Small Treatment Systems

A recent development in the area of federal financing of waste treatment systems may prove to be a tremendous money saver for smaller communities in the WCIEDD. The Environmental Protection Agency has ruled that towns wishing to replace septic tanks with small multi-home treatment systems may now be eligible for federal and state grants.

In the past only full-scale waste treatment plants were eligible for federal and state monies. Now 75% federal and 10% state funds will be available to install multi-home filtration and evaporation treatment systems, which may be more suitable for small communities. In order to be eligible for a grant, the city or town must own the waste treatment system, and the system would be required to serve more than one house. The Water Quality staff is currently studying various waste treatment systems which could replace septic tanks in unsuitable soils, thereby eliminating the threat of groundwater and surface contamination from septic tank leachate.

Preliminary cost estimates indicate these alternative systems offer a viable alternative to the traditional waste treatment plants. Further information is available through the Water Quality Program.

CD Pre-apps In Final Stages

Pre-applications for HUD Community Development Block Grants are in the final stages. HUD planners Mark Blade and Bill Thompson report that pre-applications for the two non-metro counties in the WCIEDD, Parke and Putnam, have been completed. During the rest of January they will be finishing pre-applications for the district's metro counties, Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo. Decisions on the pre-applications are expected in the spring.

Land Use, Housing Plans Under Way

HUD planners Bill Thompson and Mark Blade are assembling information for a housing plan and land use element to be submitted to HUD in August of this year. HUD requires that these two elements in the ongoing, comprehensive planning for the district be completed by that date. The land use element will survey existing land uses in the six-county area and provide public officials with information needed to make decisions about future growth. The housing plan will project future housing needs in the district.

Public hearings concerning the two plans will be held in each county in the near future. The hearings will provide an opportunity for area residents and office holders to exchange ideas on growth policies dealing with housing and land use.

NEED A SPEAKER??
Call the Water Quality Speaker's Bureau (812) 238-2593

Committees (continued)

In September, the committee reviewed services and programs offered in the area with representatives from local Chambers of Commerce. They also discussed the effects of 208 Water Quality planning on industry. Later in the year the committee tackled the question of existing industry's role in industrial development and was introduced to a solid waste management study undertaken by the Title V Program, which will consider present disposal systems in an area which includes the district.

The committee is grateful to the Indiana Department of Commerce, Public Service Indiana, and Purdue University for services and contributions provided. The committee has enjoyed good county member participation during the past year and expects continued progress in 1977.

Possible Road Re-route Studied

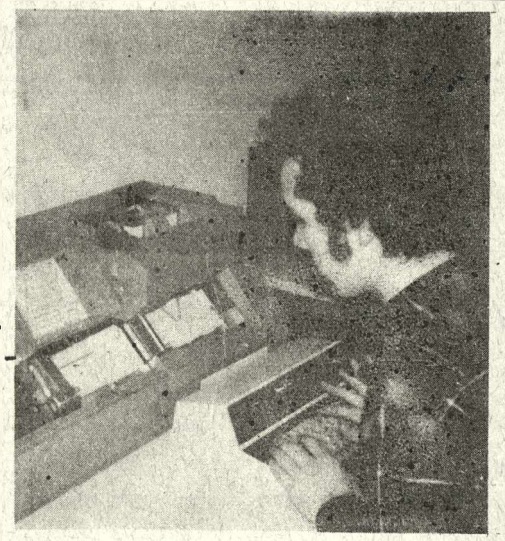
Possible re-routing of State Road 54 in Sullivan County has been a recent question for study by the WCIEDD staff. Construction of a new Hoosier Energy plant at Merom, scheduled to begin in June, 1977, would necessitate the change. Currently working with the staff to determine the most feasible way to accomplish the re-routing around the proposed plant site are Sullivan County Commissioners, the Indiana State Highway Commission, and the Hoosier Energy Electric Division of REMC.

WQ Staff Assesses Waste Load

Currently the Water Quality staff is addressing the allocation of waste loads for dischargers along the Wabash River. Data gathered in water sampling is being used with the Indiana State Board of Health Waste Load Allocation Model and fed into the computer at the Indiana State University Computer Center.

Data was gathered by the Water Quality staff during a twenty-four hour sampling period in October. Sampling sites included industrial and municipal facilities, as well as junctions with flowing tributaries and pre-selected sites between the discharge points. After the data is run through the computer, the permitted levels of pollutants for industries and municipalities are fed into the program. The results will allow the Water Quality staff to make recommendations as to what changes, if any, are necessary in current discharge limits to maintain the Wabash River at quality levels necessary for meeting the 1983 "fishable and swimmable" standard.

Statistician-Technician David Clark is in charge of water sampling and is handling the computer work. He anticipates that the waste load allocation will be completed by the end of January.



Statistician-Technician David Clark assembles waste load computer data.

Water Quality Scores High

According to a recent poll area residents put a high priority on water quality. At the November Health Fair questionnaires were distributed to those willing to express their opinions about water quality. One hundred eighteen citizens responded.

Though the results of the poll cannot be considered a statistically valid sampling, they do indicate some area sentiments about water. By a vote of almost four to one, area citizens indicated that they believe water quality is an area problem. Eighty-seven of those responding favored regulation of land use to protect our water.

Three-fourths of those responding noted that they consider current laws dealing with water quality inadequate.

When citizens were asked to rank clean air, clean rivers, full employment, industrial growth, and complete personal freedom in activities affecting water quality, WCIEDD residents indicated that clean rivers are very important to them, second only to clean air. Full employment ranked next, followed by complete personal freedom and industrial growth. Those responding feel the greatest threats to area water quality are industrial discharge, sewage, and mining activities.

Want to know more about WCIEDD? Consult our Library at the Terre Haute House.

Lee's Article To Be Published

Water Quality Program Technical Advisor Jim Lee has written an article on silviculture as a source of water pollution, soon to be published in Outdoor Indiana. Lee's essay identifies a number of problems observed in a three month forestry survey conducted by Lee, the Soil Conservation Service, and foresters from industry and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The article includes possible solutions to correct silviculture practices which contribute to water pollution. These will be of interest to County Water Quality Committees as they begin to consider what solutions will be the most implementable in our area.

Public Hearing Set In January For 1977 Area Plan For Aging

The 1977 Area Plan for Aging will be presented at a public hearing, Tuesday, January 25. The meeting, to be held at 2:00 P. M. in the Prairie Room, Terre Haute House, will give all senior citizens and other interested persons an opportunity to review the coming year's objectives and budget, as recommended by county and area councils on aging.

Representatives from each county will give a brief progress report on existing programs in their county. Dr. Harold Cox will provide a summary of the recently completed "Sunrise Survey", which assessed the needs of elderly people in the area. Results from the survey will be used in planning programs for senior citizens.

Mr. Maurice Endwright, Executive Director, and Dr. William Hulick, Planning Administrator, of the Indiana State Commission on Aging, will attend the hearing. Following the hearing a panel composed of Mr. Endwright; Dr. Hulick; Jean Cox, Area Director; and Paul Newton, Chairman, Area 7 Council on Aging, will review the plan and the comments offered at the meeting.

Dining Site Opens

On January 3rd, Dana became the site of the Nutrition Program's 22nd dining facility. Present at the opening ceremonies were WCIEDD staff members Edna Fulk, Jane Davison, and Richard White. Located at the Firehouse in Dana, the site served thirty-seven persons the first day, with fourteen meals delivered to the homebound. Mealtime at the site is noon. Heading the activities there will be Mrs. Jeanette Lawlyes, Site Director.

Nutrition Volunteers Honored

Throughout the months of November and December, the Nutrition Program has been honoring its volunteer helpers with special parties and Christmas festivities. Over 600 volunteers have assisted the program during the past year. The volunteers range in age from preschool children to ninety-year olds. Volunteers perform quite an array of functions, assisting with home delivery of meals, escorting those unable to drive, serving meals, presenting programs, and cleaning up. The WCIEDD staff extends sincere gratitude to all of those who assisted in the past year. They helped to make the Nutrition Program possible.

Violet Ferguson, Hymera Site Director, examines WCIEDD's Christmas gift.

CHRISTMAS BRINGS TO WCIEDD PARTIES . . . . . THOUGHTFULNESS

On December 15 at Garfield Towers, Nutrition Program employees were entertained at a Christmas buffet breakfast. The party was hosted by WCIEDD office staff members, who presented each worker with a small gift. The buffet was followed by a brief training session. Edna Fulk, Nutrition Program Director, notes that the morning's festivities offered an opportunity for the sharing of ideas and experiences from the different dining sites.

Thanks to the Terre Haute Welcome Club and Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, our homebound senior citizens had a merrier Christmas. These two organizations purchased Christmas presents which were delivered to the shut-ins. In addition to the gifts, home-made cookies and fruit were distributed.

Everyone at the Area Agency feels these two organizations deserve a big hand for a job well done.

From The Director's Desk . . .

1976 was a year of steady but quiet progress for West Central. The staff took on new responsibilities and increased its contact with area communities and their leaders. We did a good deal of grant application work for the Community Development and Local Public Works Programs, saw the completion of a major transit project, added new dining sites and senior centers for the elderly, and conducted extensive sampling along the Wabash.

These activities may strike the public as routine, but they lead to some important decisions which counties, cities and towns in our six-county area will need to consider in 1977. Through a number of public meetings in each county, we will be asking: 1) what steps our counties want to take to improve housing stock over the next twenty years; 2) how counties and localities expect that future growth will affect the use of land and the environment in their areas; and 3) what the public considers to be the most serious water pollution problems in the area, and how these can be reduced.

We have relied on many of the readers of this newsletter in gathering the information and the suggestions which will appear in draft reports on these topics. We hope you will continue your interest as decision makers within your towns and counties when these public meetings take place.

Richard White
Executive Director

WCIEDD CALENDAR

January	19	Parke County Water Quality Advisory Committee Parke County Extension Office - 7:00 P. M.
	19	WCIEDD Environmental Review Committee Terre Haute House - Noon
	24	Hyte Center Dining site opens
	24	WCIEDD Annual Meeting Holiday Inn, Terre Haute 7:00 P. M. - Dinner 7:45 P. M. - Meeting
	25	Public Hearing on Area Aging Plan Terre Haute House - 2:00 P. M.
February	14	WCIEDD Industrial Development Committee Public Service Electric Living Center, Terre Haute 7:00 P. M.
	23	WCIEDD Environmental Review Committee Terre Haute House - Noon
	28	WCIEDD Board Meeting Terre Haute House - 7:30 P. M.

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FEDERAL AGENCY	FEDERAL GRANT/LOAN	TOTAL COST	DESCRIPTION
USDA	$ 13,510	$ 23,920	Vermillion County drainage improvement.
CSA	62,244	83,054	Vigo County - Energy conservation program
CSA	31,443	41,848	Vigo County - Energy conservation program
CSA	11,738	17,174	Vigo County - Senior citizens feeding program
DOT	380,000	400,000	Terre Haute - Study of railroad and highway traffic conflict.
DOT	89,600	128,000	Montezuma - bridge repair
EDA	1,580,000	1,580,000	Greencastle - community building
EDA	995,000	1,000,000	Rockville - water system
EDA	441,468	441,468	Brazil - pavement construction
EDA	279,282	279,282	Brazil - storm sewer lines
EDA	4,209,075	4,957,200	Parke County - new high school
EDA	582,722	582,722	Clay County - remodel court house
EDA	3,440,111	3,440,111	Vigo County - court facility
EDA	150,000	150,000	Clay City -town utilities bldg.
EDA	1,100,000	1,100,000	Clinton - upgrading water system
EDA	1,516,700	1,516,700	Fairview Park - sewer system
EDA	160,000	160,000	Bainbridge - water treatment plant and water lines
HUD	117,000	117,000	Bainbridge - water system and improved park facility.
HUD	100,000	100,000	Montezuma - community center
HUD	100,000	100,000	Bloomingdale - park facility
HUD	99,600	99,600	Marshall - park facility
HUD	85,800	85,800	Mecca - park facility and pump for fire truck.
HUD	367,000	367,000	Tangier - community center
HUD	124,000	124,000	Rockville - sewer line extension

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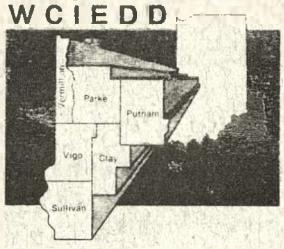

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More LPW Money Soon Available

Four billion dollars more is expected to be authorized this month for EDA Title I Public Works Grants. Pending bills require that the EDA act on previously unfunded applications before accepting new ones. Grants will still be limited to projects which can be started within 60 days. Current bills call for use of CETA unemployment data for cities and balance of county data for others. The data would be calculated on average unemployment for the previous 12 months.

EDA favors two separate rounds of funding of $2 billion each, noting that only one of five applications will be funded. Current indications are that applications on file will have to be activated by official letter to be eligible. EDA will also assign dollar limits in proportion to local unemployment, which will insure a more equitable distribution of funds. These dollar limits will take into account funds awarded under the first round of the Local Public Works Act, a fact which will be of advantage to all counties and municipalities in the district.

Newport Project Pushed

The Newport Army Ammunition Plant is still being considered as a possible site for the new RDX/HMX production facility which is to be constructed over a five-year period beginning in 1978. Local support for the site has been organized through several planning sessions held during February. Attending the workshops were representatives from local legislators, the Vermillion County Improvement Association, the Newport Town Board, the Wabash Valley Interstate Commission, the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, and the West Central staff.

In cooperation with the Indiana Department of Commerce, the West Central staff has arranged a meeting with Senator Birch Bayh and the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Edwin Greiner, to discuss the economics of constructing and operating the plant. West Central employees will assist in the meeting by presenting data and technical information which shows Newport to be the favorable site. Local officials and representatives from the current facilities at Newport and West Central staffers will travel to Washington for the meeting, which is currently set for March 14th. Representative John Myers and Senator Richard Lugar have also been requested to attend the meeting.

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Scott Assumes Leadership

I want to express my thanks to the WCIEDD for its role in helping to acquire funds for area development and in serving as a clearing house for projects in the district. The most outstanding job WCIEDD has accomplished is in service to the aged. They are too often a forgotten group of people, and they have a great deal of knowledge to offer.

John Scott
President,
Executive Board

WCIEDD Holds Transportation Work Session

A regional transportation workshop was held March first at the Terre Haute House. Attending were officials from the six counties in WCIEDD, representatives from the State Highway Commission, highway supervisors, and the local transportation planning staff.

The workshop was held to make information about transportation issues readily available to those involved in transportation decisions. Areas covered included: sources of funding available for road and bridge improvements, and acquisition of funds; designation of county roads for expenditure purposes; and regulations and policies that could affect local areas in the future.

District Road Projects Planned

A number of road improvement projects are planned in the West Central Indiana district. Already underway is work to replace a bridge on State Road 47, 1.5 miles east of Turkey Run Park in Parke County. Completion of the project is expected late this year. Scheduled to begin this summer is repair of the bridge over Mansfield Reservoir on U.S. 36 east of Hollandsburg. Along with the repair work, a walkway will be added to the bridge.

In Clay County, improvements are planned for a dangerous intersection at State Roads 42 and 59. By late spring, the intersection will be enlarged, with turn lanes and reduced speed limits.

The Indiana State Highway Commission is also developing plans for the modernization of U.S. 41 in Vigo and Sullivan Counties. Improvements will include safety features, road shoulders, turning lanes, redesigned crossovers, better drainage, widening, traffic signs, signals, and guard rails. The project will cover a section of the highway from one mile south of the Vigo-Sullivan line to approximately 3.5 miles south of I-70. Plans indicate that the road will not be closed during the improvement activity.

OEDP Approved

Word has been received at WCIEDD that the Overall Economic Development Plan has been approved for five counties in the district by the Economic Development Administration in Chicago and Washington. The approval qualifies the district as a redevelopment area. Because of that designation the counties in the district are eligible to receive EDA grants.

The designation for the sixth county in the district, Putnam County is anticipated shortly.

Housing Studied

West Central Regional Planner Mark Blade is soliciting public input for the revision of the first draft of the Regional Housing Plan. In the coming months, Blade will be meeting with various groups in the six-county district, asking them to suggest additions and alterations to the plan. The housing study is a HUD requirement, due in August of this year.

The WCIEDD Community Facilities Committee will be the first group to review the plan. Other meetings are anticipated with Housing Authority Directors, Mayors, individual town boards, county commissioners, and civic groups.

Land Use Element Reviewed

A land use element for the WCIEDD is currently in the public hearing stage. A series of the hearings are planned at points throughout the district. The meetings are designed to give the public an opportunity to express views on the proposed plan.

On the basis of views expressed at the hearing, the land use element will be revised for submittal to HUD in August. Major emphases in the plan will be growth policies, as well as implementation and coordination mechanisms.

Decision on Block Grants Forthcoming

We expect to hear this month which pre-applicants in Parke and Putnam Counties will be invited to make full application for Community Development Block Grants. Pre-applications for communities in Clay, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties have now been completed by WCIEDD staff members Mark Blade and Bill Thompson. Initial results on these will be forthcoming in April.

The following pre-applications have been submitted for FY 1977:

Brazil	$287,165
Cayuga	83,787
Clinton	285,000
Dana	86,000
Dugger	62,000
Farmersburg	210,000
Knightsville	294,500
Newport	80,000
Riley	105,000
Seelyville	68,000
Sullivan	165,000
Terre Haute	1,160,000
Universal	50,000
Vermillion County	33,200
Vigo County	242,199
W. Terre Haute	263,925
TOTAL	$3,474,876

We estimate that HUD will provide $300,000 in block grants in this four-county area.

Each pre-application involved two public meetings, and Mark and Bill appreciated the leadership which town and county officials showed in organizing these hearings. Nearly all were well attended and led to good ideas for projects. The "CD" Program provides 100% grants to local governments for a wide range of projects.

A-95 Process Explained

The A-95 review is performed by the WCIEDD only as an advisory function. The review checks compliance of applications for federal assistance with local plans and policies to assure coordination and avoid duplication of services. As the WCIEDD A-95 Review Committee considers each application, recommendations are made for approval, approval to certain conditions, or disapproval. Final approval, however, is made by the appropriate federal or state funding agency. If a project is funded over WCIEDD recommendations, the funding agency must provide WCIEDD with an explanation of its action.

Area Aging Plan Draws Large Crowd

The good attendance contributed largely to the success of the hearing on 1977's Aging Plan.

Approximately 170 people attended the Hearing for the 1977 Area Plan on Aging held on January 25. Sidney Levin, chairman of the State Commission on the Aged and Aging, chaired the Hearing. Also present were Maurice Endwright, executive director with the Indiana Commission; Dr. William Hulick, director of planning; Keith Collins, Veterans Administration, Indianapolis; John Randall, Cooperative Extension Service, Danville; and Dr. Isaac Beckas, president of Vincennes University.

Mr. Levin opened the meeting with a brief explanation of the Commission on Aging. Summaries of activities in each county were given by the County Council presidents, with Walter Roeschlein reporting for Clay County; Jacob Hartman, vice president, Parke County; Dr. Herold Ross, Putnam County; Mrs. Betty Prose, Sullivan County; David Hayes, Vermillion County; and Dr. Harold Cox, Vigo County. The County Councils in most of the counties have been very active in several programs and special events, such as Sunrise Survey, County Queen Contests, State Fair Days, Friendly Visitors, Holiday Observances, Health Screenings, Winterizations, and many others.

Project reports were made by the staff, and Dr. Harold Cox summarized the results of the Sunrise Survey conducted during the fall of 1976.

Jean Cox reviewed the objectives for the 1976 Area Plan which included Crime Prevention, Transportation, Development of a Pre-retirement Educational Program, Legal Aid Programs, Programs to reduce loneliness of homebound senior citizens during the holiday season.

The 1977 objectives are: 1) to establish a more effective outreach program in Area 7 through a system of county and township volunteer chairmen that would increase total participation in aging programs by 15 percent in 1977. 2) To develop an educational program on consumer protection to be presented at each multi-purpose senior center during 1977. 3) To develop a pre-retirement planning workshop to train community leaders to plan and conduct retirement planning seminars in 1977. 4) To recruit and train volunteers in four counties to assist the elderly with preparation of tax forms. 5) To enlarge the existing Visitation Program in initiating visitation by phone to reach 80 additional persons in 1977.

Elderly Aided In Cold Spell

During the recent severe cold spell, WCIEDD staff members were busy getting aid to the elderly affected by the weather crisis. Because of rising utility bills, many elderly could not afford to pay their expenses. WCIEDD helped distribute funds donated by Beta Sigma Phi sorority to meet rising utility costs.

In addition, the Nutrition Program delivered extra meals to those older citizens stranded by the weather. Groceries and medicine were also sent out to the snowbound elderly.

Those still having weatherer-related problems are encouraged to call the Area Aging Office, 238-1561.

Homebound Services Expand

WCIEDD's Homebound Services have expanded significantly in the last several months. Parke and Vermillion Counties now have a homemaker, and in Clay and Putnam Counties a home repair person has been employed. Because of the large number of people served in Clay County, an additional homemaker has been added there, to serve the area north of U.S. 40.

In Vigo County, eighteen clients formerly being served by Homebound Services are now the responsibility of the Title XX Chore and Housekeeping Service operated by the Terre Haute Housing Authority. More Vigo County clients will soon be shifted to the Housing Authority, with WCIEDD's Homebound Services concentrated on the five other counties. One homemaker will be retained in Vigo County to serve senior citizens not eligible for the Title XX program.

Nutrition Considers New Sites, Opens Hyte

The West Central Indiana Nutrition Program Advisory Council met Wednesday, February 23 at Garfield Towers. The council discussed plans for new dining sites. Approval was given for a site to be opened at Carlisle, pending approval of Green Thumb applicants for site personnel. The council authorized the staff to seek information at Riley and Roachdale to determine the needs in those areas. The council also made plans for spring activities, including a "special" day during May which is "Older Americans' Month."

On February 7, the West Central Indiana Nutrition Program opened its 23rd site at Hyte Center in Terre Haute. This site was opened in conjunction with Community Services. Mrs. Carrie Goodwin is the local site director. Mrs. Goodwin had previously been employed by the CETA Program. The dining site is serving an average of 30 meals daily. Both transportation and home delivered meals are offered to all those over 60 living in the area of Hyte Center.

Aging Office Reveals Results Of Area Survey

The Aging Office has announced the results of the recent Sunrise Survey. In the poll, three precincts sere selected at random in each county and a percentage of the elderly in each precinct surveyed. A little more than two-thirds of those questioned were women. Forty-five percent were married, 42% widowed. Almost half of the elderly lived alone, many of them indicating that they had no children living in this area.

The survey indicated that 60% of the elderly responding do not have an adequate diet. Forty-five percent have trouble maintaining their home. Sixty percent of the aged surveyed rely on Social Security as their major source of income. The survey will be used to get a clearer picture of the needs of elderly in the district.

Citizen Input Requested

Citizens' opinions about local water problems are being sought by the Water Quality Program. The staff is gathering information about the quality of rivers, streams, and lakes in our area. Questionnaries have appeared in a number of area newspapers, soliciting input from local citizens. Blank questionnaires are also available at county libraries in WCIEDD. Data gathered will be added to problems identified through staff testing to gain a complete listing of all water concerns in the area. All Update readers are urged to fill out the adjacent questionnaire and return it to the Water Quality Program.

The Water Quality Program needs the knowledge of local citizens in assessing what water quality problems are plaguing the area. The program is concerned with problems affecting the quality of local rivers, lakes, and streams, as recreational areas and potential sources of drinking water, but any water problem you know about is of great interest.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM: (Examples are erosion, muddy or discolored streams, storm water problems, factory or city discharges, septic tanks or sewer problems, landfills.)

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LOCATION OF PROBLEM: _____

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WHAT SOLUTIONS, IF ANY, DO YOU HAVE TO SUGGEST: _____

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NO PROBLEM IS TOO SMALL TO BRING TO OUR ATTENTION. THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER INVOLVES US ALL.

SUBMITTED BY: Name _____

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Phone _____

Send to: Water Quality Program, WCIEDD, P.O. Box 359
Terre Haute, IN 47808 Phone (812) 238-1561

DNR PROVIDES GROUNDWATER INFORMATION

With water shortages occurring throughout the state, the Water Quality Program has received a number of inquiries about low groundwater levels. Individuals with water shortage problems may contact the Groundwater Section of the Department of Natural Resources:

Groundwater Section
Division of Water,
Room 605
State Office Building
Department of Natural Resources
Indianapolis, In 46204

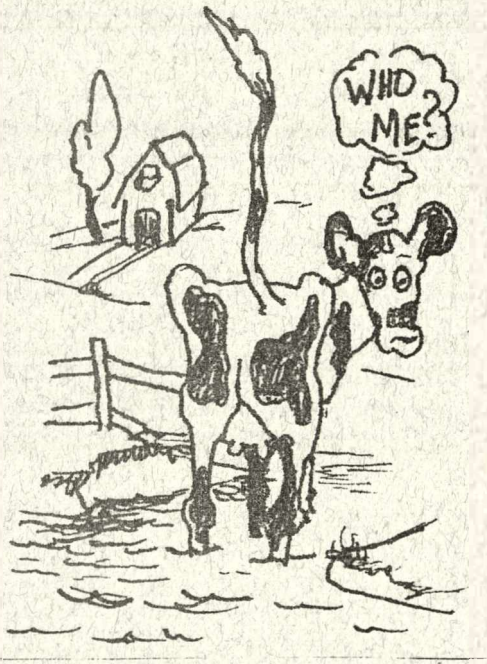
The Groundwater Section can provide historical data from other wells in your area, as well as information on the location of good water tables. They also maintain a list of reputable drillers in the area. Those making inquiries about individual wells should include directions to the well site, road number, and the well's township and range, if available. If you have any questions to address to the Groundwater Section, you may call 317-633-5267.

Water Quality Program Studies Non-point Sources

Amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act adopted in 1972 have challenged local areas to assess water pollutant sources. Historically, water quality planners have given primary attention to point sources; however, the 208 Water Quality Program is also studying potential non-point pollution sources, such as agriculture, mining, and construction. The staff is utilizing two planning models, one which deals with urban non-point sources and another which considers rural sources. By incorporating local data into the models, the staff will be able to pinpoint which non-point problems are most serious in the six-county area and what localities are most severly affected.

URBAN COMPUTER MODEL

The computer models being used by the staff were developed by Howard True of the EPA's Suveillance and Analysis Division in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Soil Conservation Service). They both can be applied to areas of varied sizes; initially, the staff will be running a program for each watershed in the district, with the potential for examining smaller areas.



The urban model delineates up to twenty localities within the program area, such as commercial, industrial, and residential sites. The model is designed to predict the effect of a single rainfall, using the first flush of the rain, or the first fifteen minutes of the rainfall only. Taken into account are elements such as run-off routes, rainfall intensity, curb miles, and per cent of impervious surface in the program area. The model allows the staff to predict amounts of as many as forty substances in the water, with a view to a final prediction of water quality.

RURAL COMPUTER MODEL

The rural model utilizes the Universal Soil Loss Equation, developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Included in the model is information on soil types, erodibility, slope lengths, forest litter, cropping and erosion control practices. The model will measure amount of sediment lost in any individual watershed, thus identifying problem watersheds in the district. It will also be possible to test the effect of changes in management practices on total sediment loss.

The program will also assess amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, biological oxygen demand, and acid drainage in a given stream. The model assumes a direct relationship between sediment and pollutant content. It is expected that as the amount of sediment reaching a stream increases, so does the amount of pollutant.

The model uses a sediment delivery ratio to determine the amount of erosion that actually reaches the stream channel. Not all the eroded soil reaches the stream channel. The two models taken together will give the staff a good picture of the overall impact of non-point pollution on the waters of the district. Added to the study of point dischargers in the area, the models will provide an inclusive view of water quality problems facing the WCIEDD.

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Community Affairs File

West Central Indiana Economic Development District

UPDATE

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Aging staff challenged by blizzard

West Central's Aging Program staff will long remember the blizzard of 1978.

When coal supplies were short or food was running low, staff members stood by, ready to come to the aid of the district's elderly.

A new service initiated by the Nutrition Program provided participants with a convenient, at-home meal in a box.

A total of 1,140 emergency food boxes packed with enough food for four meals were distributed to participants in the Title VII Nutrition Program.

Food items in the boxes can be stored on shelves.

Nutrition Program Director Edna Fulk recommends the items be eaten by April 1, however.

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Scott reelected board president

Five new members were added to West Central's governing board and John Scott of Vigo County was reelected president during the annual dinner meeting in January.

Also reelected as presiding officers were treasurer Kenneth Vance, Vermillion County, and secretary Jim Thompson, Sullivan County.

New board members include Howard Shew, Vermillion County; Virgil Dierdorff, Clay County; Max Miller, Vigo County and Marjorie Smith and Jessie Wood, Putnam County.

John Scott

Kenneth Vance

Jim Thompson

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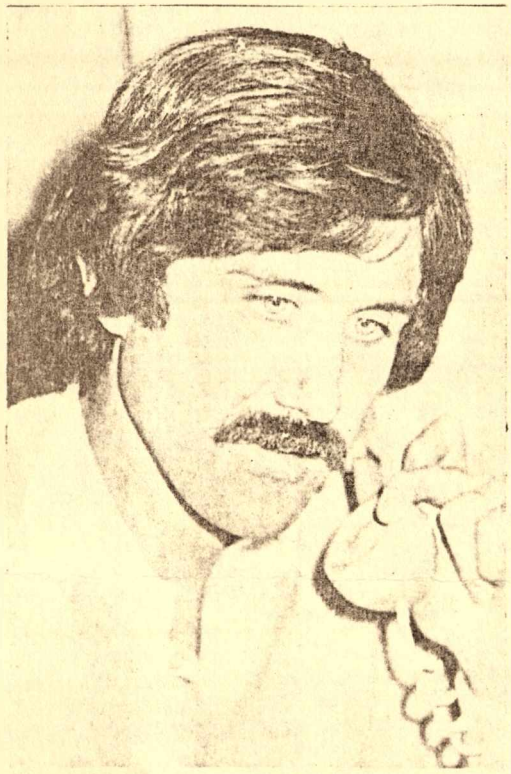
A note from WCIEDD's director



Merv Nolot

After closing out the past year with a highly successful annual meeting, I am very optimistic about the chances for growth and development in West Central Indiana for 1978.

Most elected and public officials throughout the district are approaching the problems in their areas with a positive attitude.

Through mutual cooperation and support, our communities can utilize the experience and expertise accumulated on the staff of the district.

I expect to see much progress in the areas of community facilities, recreation facilities, industrial development, housing, water quality planning and programs for the aged and aging throughout 1978.

We will also be working with the city of Terre Haute and all six counties to help them improve their transportation networks and facilities.

As always, I am asking all counties, towns and communities throughout the district to feel free to contact us so that we may be of assistance to you.

Merv Nolot
WCIEDD Executive Director

Three retire from board

Three retiring board members were honored during the annual West Central dinner meeting at the Roma Restaurant in Clinton January 23.

Certificates commending the men for their service were presented to Vermillion County Commissioner Elmo Riggen, Clay County Commissioner Dave Reagin and Don Foltz who represented Vigo County on the board.

New board members are listed on page one of the newsletter.

Dave Reagin

Block grant hearings held

Nineteen district communities may submit preapplications for 1978 fiscal year Community Development Discretionary Block Grants.

Communities currently holding public hearings to gather ideas about possible projects for preapplications include:

MONTEZUMA	RUSSELLVILLE
SULLIVAN	CLOVERDALE
MARSHALL	FARMERSBURG
ROCKVILLE	VIGO COUNTY
UNIVERSAL	CAYUGA
DUGGER	MEROM
ROACHDALE	CENTERPOINT
BAINBRIDGE	CLINTON
ROSEDALE	TERRE HAUTE
BRAZIL	

New, final regulations for Community Development Block Grants should be available in mid to late February, according to WCIEDD Regional Planner Mark Blade.

Blade assists district communities with community development programs.

Firm guidelines on preapplication or application submissions are expected from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, soon, he said.

District communities receiving 1977 block grants were Dugger, Universal, Clinton, Terre Haute, West Terre Haute, Sullivan and Brazil. Grants totalled $254,000. for 1977 district projects.

Four towns eligible for grants

Four local communities are eligible for Urban Development Action Grants designed to alleviate physical and economic deterioration in distressed cities and counties.

The communities are:

CLINTON	SULLIVAN
BRAZIL	ROCKVILLE

Communities become eligible if they have a declining population, a stagnating or declining tax base.

Funds can be used to revitalize these communities and for reclamation of neighborhoods with large numbers of abandoned or deteriorated housing.

Age of housing, per capita income, decreasing population, unemployment and poverty are factors used to establish a community's eligibility for funds.

Dynamic duo

WCIEDD Regional Planners Mark Blade and Steve Wallis (left to right) help district communities in their search for federal funding for local projects.

RC&D projects proposed

A variety of planning projects designed for erosion control and water management are under consideration by Sycamore Trails Resource, Conservation and Development, RC&D.

Projects proposed by the local RC&D would, if approved, be cost shared with local governments applying for projects.

Projects either planned and approved or in final planning stages include:

VERMILLION COUNTY:

- Cayuga land drainage sponsored by the Cayuga Town Board and county commissioners.
- West Clinton land drainage sponsored by the Clinton City Council.
- County Road 1000 S. roadside erosion control project sponsored by Vermillion County Commissioners.
- North Vermillion High School erosion correction project sponsored by the North Vermillion School Board.

PARKE COUNTY:

- Rosedale School and town land drainage project sponsored by the Rosedale Town and Southwest Parke School Boards.

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

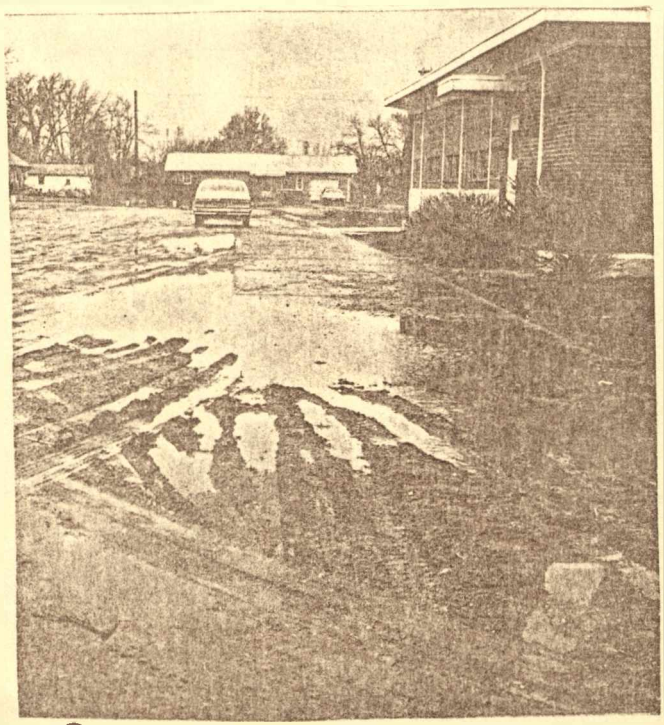
- Sullivan roadside project sponsored by Sullivan County Commissioners.

CLAY COUNTY:

- Jackson Township grade school drainage sponsored by Clay Community Schools Corporation.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

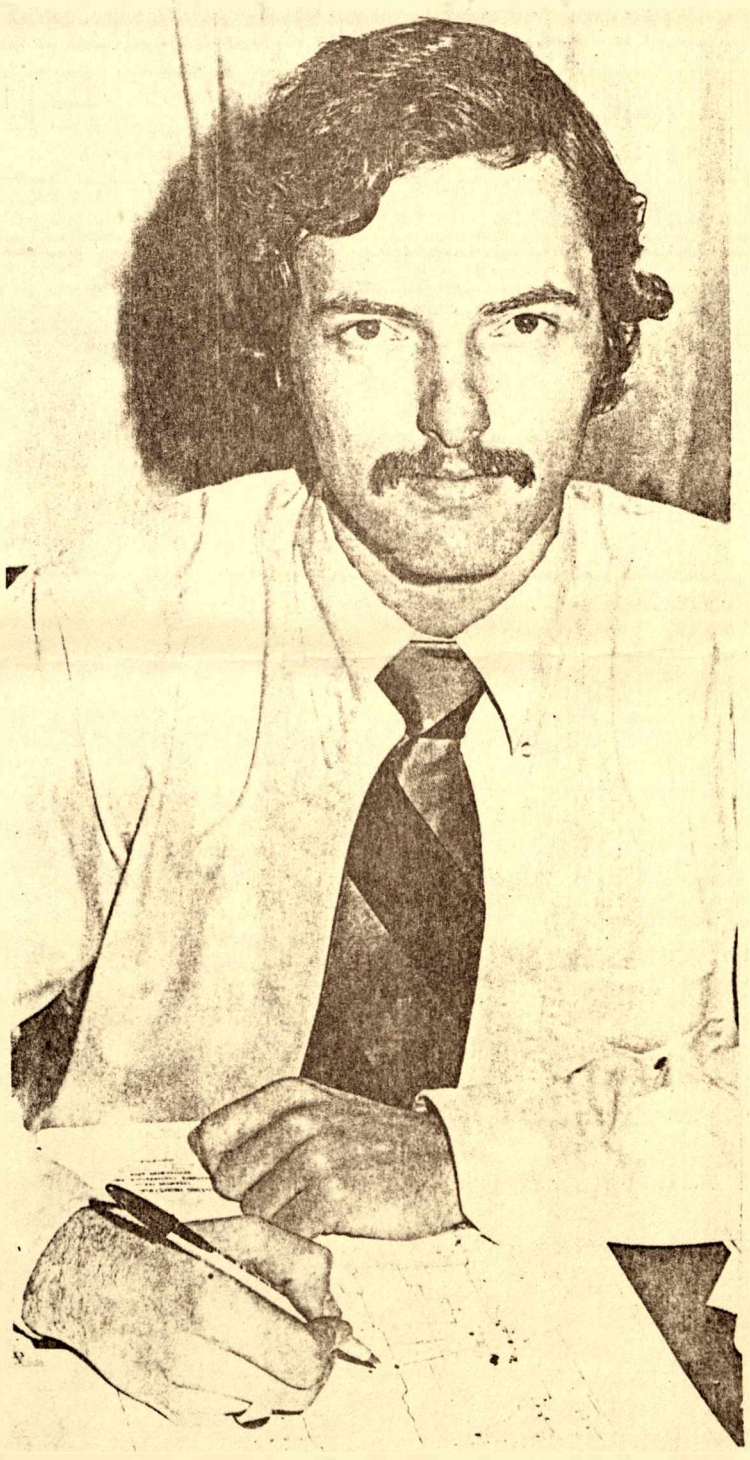
- South Putnam School erosion project sponsored by the South Putnam School Corporation.
- Robe Ann Park drainage. sponsored by Greencastle's park board.



All wet

Poor drainage at Rosedale School in Parke County results in frequent standing water problems. This is just one example of water management problem areas eligible for RC&D funding. Photo by Ed Brown.

New planner hired



William Schaller

New Transportation Planner Bill Schaller is traveling full speed ahead in developing plans for future district projects.

Since joining the staff in mid-January, Schaller has worked with area Aging Program personnel to learn elderly and handicapped persons' transportation needs.

The Bloomington native is also preparing planning documents and a grant application package.

The 1977 graduate of Duke University has participated in an Indianapolis conference on transportation for the elderly.

He has also helped develop a transportation topic for a March 28-29 planning conference at Purdue University.

Schaller has an AB degree in policy sciences and public affairs from Duke University.

He has worked with the American Public Transit Association in Washington D.C. and represented the organization at public hearings in New York City.

He also worked with Bloomington's transit agency and served on the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group's Environmental Task Force.

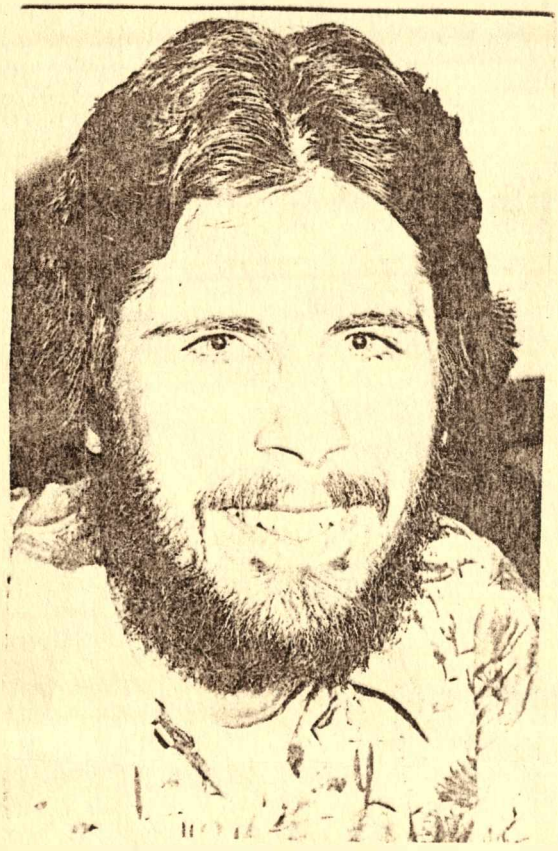
At Duke, he served on the school's Transportation Task Force and the Human Rights Task Force.

Schaller's interests include flying, fencing, cricket, cave exploration, all shooting sports and travel.

Previous transportation planner was Merv Nolot, now WCIEDD's executive director.

Staff report:

Ittenbach joins water program



Walt Ittenbach

Walt Ittenbach, 25, Perth, has rejoined the 208 Water Quality staff as assistant director.

Formerly management planner with the program, Ittenbach will help complete the water quality plan by its June 1 deadline.

A 1974 graduate of Indiana University, Ittenbach earned a BA degree and majored in public affairs.

An Indianapolis native, Ittenbach graduated from Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

Past accomplishments include an Evans Scholars Foundation Scholarship and the Carleton Blunt Award for academic excellence and leadership.

Ittenbach was a tutor and live-in counselor with IU's Project Upward Bound.

He originally joined the water quality staff in 1976.

Landrum works on industrial survey

Samuel Landrum, Jr., will work with District Analyst Sharon Baker this semester developing an industrial survey for WCIEDD.

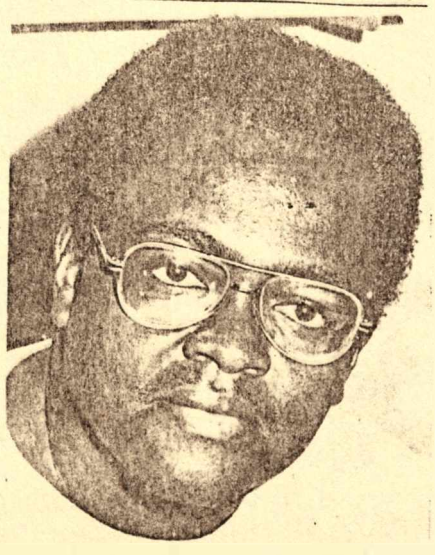
The project will help the work-study student from Indiana State University complete a degree requirement for a masters in public administration.

Landrum will complete his studies in June.

A native of Gary, Laundrum; his wife Katie; son Samuel III, six; and daughter Yolanda, four have made Terre Haute their home.

The 27-year-old received a bachelor of science degree in political science from Indiana State University. He attended Tolleston High School in Gary.

Landrum will work a 40-hour week while developing the study. WCIEDD will pay 20 per cent of his salary.



Samuel Landrum Jr.

Active

Four committees make recommendations to the West Central Board of Directors. These Parke County residents serve on the following committees: (sitting, left to right) Marjorie Hays, community facilities; Bob Swaim, industrial development; Burton Lee, WCIEDD board member. Standing: Charles Felkner, recreation and tourism and WCIEDD board member and Martha Modesitt, community facilities.

Committees list priorities for '78

Priorities for 1978 economic planning were established in November by District Functioning Committees at a joint session at the YWCA Building in Terre Haute.

Committees are composed of citizens, elected and appointed officials and West Central board members from Vigo, Vermillion, Putnam, Parke, Sullivan and Clay counties.

District Functioning Commitees include industrial development, recreation and tourism, community facilities and district conservation.

The recreation and tourism committee was combined with industrial development at the meeting to obtain a different mixture of people.

Hopefully, the blend will help generate more interest and project participation.

Committee members reviewed the past year's and future projects.

Upon recommendation of the County Overall Economic Development Planning (OEDP) Committees, the following projects will be pursued:

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:

- CONTINUED WORK WITH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND OTHER GROUPS IN IDENTIFYING AND CATALOGING INDUSTRIAL SITES. IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL LAND IN VIGO, SULLIVAN AND PARKE COUNTIES.

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More about Priorities for '78

- CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF ECONOMIC DATA FOR USE IN SOLICITATION OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.
- CONDUCTING A WORK FORCE/ WAGE SURVEY.
- INDUSTRIAL PARK AND SITE DEVELOPMENT IN PARKE AND PUTNAM COUNTIES.

TRANSPORTATION:

- DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR CORRIDOR AND ACCESS TO INDUSTRIAL AREA IN PUTNAM COUNTY.
- IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 36 AT BILLIE CREEK VILLAGE ENTRANCE.
- WIDENING OF U.S. 36 AND U.S. 41 FROM PARKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS TO INDUSTRIAL AREA.
- SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 41-S.R. 63 CORRIDOR.
- HULMAN FIELD AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS.
- PLANNING FOR I-70 INTERCHANGE IN VIGO COUNTY.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- HOUSING PROJECT IN ROSEDALE.
- SEWER EXTENSION TO PARKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND GOLF COURSE.
- PUTNAM COUNTY HOSPITAL CONVERSION.
- CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTER IN SULLIVAN
- DEVELOPMENT OF TEEN CENTERS IN VERMILLION COUNTY.

Members of District Functioning Committees review priorities for '78.

Highs and lows

December's board meeting brought pensive looks and smiles to the faces of board members (left to right) Jim Thompson, secretary, Sullivan County; Gene Beck, vice president, Putnam County; O.B. Riggs, Sullivan County, and Gene Clodfelter, vice president, Putnam County.

Housing, land use elements okayed

District housing and land use elements required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, were approved by WCIEDD's Board of Directors at their Dec. 12 monthly meeting.

Required if the district is to receive "701" Comprehensive Planning funds, the two documents have been sent to HUD for final approval. Staff planner Mark Blade compiled the documents and made the final presentation to the board.

The December meeting was in the Prairie Room of the Terre Haute House, Terre Haute. West Central employees treated board members to a special holiday dinner before the meeting.

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NARC nominations due March 11

Applications for officer positions and board representation on the National Association of Regional Councils, NARC, are available from WCIEDD Executive Director Merv Nolot.

Board members wishing to become a NARC board member or officer must submit nominations to the Washington D.C.-based organization no later than March 11. Applications postmarked later than March 11 will not be accepted.

A president, first and second vice president, representative from Region Five of which Indiana is a member, five at-large board policy makers and three at-large board staff directors will be elected during the council's annual meeting May 6-10 in Denver, Colorado.

Purpose of NARC is to serve local governments by developing policies, plans and programs to solve areawide and multijurisdictional problems.

No Hoosier is currently a member of the board.

With work, planning

County's dreams come true

Charles Farnsworth

Dreams that came true.

That's how Charles Farnsworth, president of the Vermillion County Improvement Association, described Vermillion County improvements which have more than tripled the county's assessed evaluation during the past 10 years.

Guest speaker at West Central's annual dinner meeting Jan. 23, Farnsworth attributed the dreams' reality to West Central and concerned local residents.

About 60 board members and citizens from Vigo, Vermillion, Putnam, Clay, Parke and Sullivan counties heard Farnsworth's comments at the Roma Restaurant, Clinton.

Vermillion County's assessed evaluation has grown from less than $24-million in 1968 to more than $76-million in 1977, Farnsworth said.

How did the dramatic increase occur?

"Vermillion County decided several years ago something had to be done to turn things around," according to Farnsworth.

In 1962, the Vermillion County Improvement Association was created. The non-profit organization of concerned citizens detected a need for highways, health facilities, housing, industries and schools. Committees were formed to pursue these goals.

A county-wide planning and zoning ordinance for unincorporated communities was one concept pursued and, after two years, achieved by the citizen group.

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Dreamers

Vermillion County residents are among those shown at a recent WCIEDD overall committee meeting. RC&D Director Ed Brown sits next to Mike Rendaci and Ray Ave of Clinton, Bob Jovanovich of Blanford in the far left.

More about

Dreams that came true

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Other dreams were pursued and, with time, realized.

"In 1962, we thought about a four-lane highway -- that was a dream," Farnsworth said, referring to what eventually became the four-laning of Indiana 63.

"New schools were a dream. A new hospital was a dream. New living facilities were a dream. And getting the highway was the way to make that dream come true."

Now celebrating its tenth birthday, West Central has "seen a lot of dreams come true," Farnsworth said.

Vermillion County has increased its assessed evaluation, attracted new industries, built two new high schools and a county hospital and created more housing in its communities.

These achievements are traceable to the efforts of active county residents and to West Central which, he said, "has been a great deal of our success. Even today, when we get industrial proppects, we feel free to come to West Central and know we have the staff that'll do the job for us," he said.

Farnsworth's comments followed presentation of a slide series which showed West Central accomplishments in recent years. West Central Executive Director Merv Nolot narrated the presentation.

William Wilson, Indiana Economic Development representative, originally scheduled as guest speaker, was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Big splash

RC&D funds are frequently sought to help correct drainage problems like the one shown above at Jackson Township Elementary School, Clay County. Photo by Burt Geswein.

Interns work on projects

Three Indiana State University students are getting on-the-job training at West Central this semester as student interns.

Barbara Wertz and Sue Bouchie are working with Transportation Planner Bill Schaller on a study of elderly and handicapped persons' transportation needs.

Greg Street is also assisting Schaller. He is working on a marketing survey for the Terre Haute transit system.

The students will receive class credit for their work.

Final stage

A special EPA review team met with water quality staff members Feb. 7-8 in Terre Haute to answer questions, review contents and deadlines for a WCIEDD water quality plan. Pictured are (front row): Karen Theisen, EPA; Tony Leffin, EPA; Carl Wilson, EPA. Back row: Walt Ittenbach, assistant 208 director; Robert Stalcup, 208 director and Mike Harding, State Board of Health.

Staff gears up for shut down

A draft of WCIEDD's 208 water quality management plan will be reviewed by Board of Directors at their March 27 meeting.

The plan, due on Chicago EPA officials' desk June 1, will be reviewed by the public in draft form April 24 and 25 in public hearings at two different locations. Time and place for the hearings will be announced in ads published in area newspapers.

Staff members are currently completing sections of the plan, meeting with town officials and county commissioners to gain approval on some issues.

Engineer Rasoul Istrabadi is meeting with small communities' leaders about potential need for waste treatment systems in the future. He will meet with officials through March.

Commissioners are being asked to sign resolutions endorsing plans calling for voluntary cost sharing in critical watersheds.

Landowners attending special meetings November-January in each county selected the alternative as their choice for helping reduce agriculture-related water pollution.

Putnam County Commissioners were the first county officials to support their county's plan. Each plan is tailored to meet the needs and desires of each county's landowners.

A workshop for consultants and town board members will be conducted by the 208 staff March 15 to explore small communities' alternatives to municipal waste treatment systems.

Handymen help area elderly

What is a handyman?

A handyman is a person who, through the Handyman Program, can provide minor home repair service and home maintenance help to low income elderly.

Aged persons unable to fix deteriorating items around their homes can take advantage of the service.

Often, inflation and fixed incomes prevent the aged from hiring someone to do repair work.

Goal of the program is to keep elderly persons not needing special health care, in their own homes as long as possible. This helps avoid costly institutional care.

What can a handyman do?

A handyman can:

- Install or remove storm windows and doors.
- Weatherstrip doors and windows.
- Haul trash.
- Repair minor items around a house such as replacing rotten door sills or steps.
- Repair minor electrical items such as electrical outlets and light switches.
- Repair minor plumbing problems including thawing frozen pipes and replacing faucet washers.

Any work will be considered which will keep a person over 60 living in his or her home.

Remodeling and redecorating can not be considered as necessary home repairs.

Want to be a handyman?

Contact Kathleen Jacobsen. Phone information is listed in the box above.

Four persons currently are helping others while earning a wage themselves.

Current handyman include: August West, Clinton; Bill Foxworthy, Greencastle; Wilbur Kelly, Sullivan and Paul Colven, Clinton.

Contact Kathleen

Want to take advantage of the Handyman or Homemaker programs but don't know who to contact? Kathleen Jacobsen, Title XX Administrator, and Field Coordinator Rick Jimison can help. Call 812-238-1561 or toll free number 1-800-742-0804. In Putnam County, call 120-800-742-0804.

Kathleen Jacobsen Administrator Title XX

Selections sought

Nominations for the annual Tom Bradley and Walter A. Scheiber Regional Leadership Awards must be postmarked no later than March 31.

The National Association of Regional Councils' award will be presented to someone who at least two years ago or longer made significant contributions to WCIEDD.

Homebound? Help available

Over 60 and homebound?

Have errands or chores to do but need assistance or transportation?

WCIEDD's 11 Homemaking staff members are the "can do" people who can help meet your needs.

Homemaking staff members can:

- Provide transportation to the grocery store, drug store, laundromat, food stamp office, doctor and similar places.
- Help with regular light housekeeping including preparing meals, washing dishes, vacuuming, dusting, mopping, laundering and changing linen.
- Be sensitive, concerned visitors who help solve problems.
- Help with seasonal cleaning.

Persons taking advantage of the Homemaking service need only provide cleaning supplies. No price is charged for services.

The program is funded by Title XX of the Social Security Act and by Title III of the Older Americans Act.

Persons who are in most critical need of assistance, elderly and in a lower income bracket, will be given priority in qualifying for the Homemaking service.

For further information about the Homemaking service, contact Program Administrator Kathleen Jacobsen at WCIEDD, 238-1561. Toll free number is 1-800-742-0804. In Putnam County, dial 120-800-742-0804.

Field Coordinator Richard Jimison will gladly visit with interested senior citizens at their homes and explain the Homemaking and Handyman Programs.

Homebase for the programs is second floor, Terre Haute House.

Helpful homemakers

Active in the Homemaker program in the district are (front row, left to right): Norman Kirkman, Ruth Shipman, Norma Keller, Lenore Huser, Florence Jarvis. Back row: Lillian Cummins, Clarence Unger, Eleanor Spurr, Helen McGee, Edna Stevens and Brenda Barker.

More about

Aging staff and blizzard '78

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Boxes were especially handy for elderly living in isolated, rural areas, according to Miss Fulk.

Persons stranded in their homes for days had a prepackaged meal source.

The idea of putting together meal boxes was borrowed from Area 13 where over 2,500 boxes were packed for program participants.

Nutrition Program clients were not the only persons benefiting from the nutrition staff's winter preparedness.

Some stranded motorists in Farmersburg were supplied with several meals. Leftovers stored in the refrigerator and freezer at the nutriton site were used to advantage by the snow bound drivers.

Many nutrition site directors, aware a storm was coming, sent extra food to clients.

District staff went out of their way to assist those needing help during the emergency.

Many field staff worked during the weekend, making sure eveyone had groceries to last until meals could once more be delivered.

Mrs. Pat Gish from Seelyville and her son delivered groceries and water to individuals with frozen water pipes.

Mrs. Carol Van Hook, assisted by her husband, checked on her Garfield Towers route clients to make sure they had sufficient food.

At the Newport nutrition site, a volunteer delivering meals found an elderly woman who was very ill. The woman was rushed to the hospital before the full force of the storm could hit the area.

Directing nutrition field staff efforts were Miss Fulk and Jane Davison, assistant nutrition program director.

Handymen

Using their skills to help others in the community are these four participants in the Handyman Program. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Wilbur Kelley and Bill Foxworthy and, (back row) Paul Colven and August West.

Need coal?

Agencies which can help obtain coal to area residents include:

Area Aged and Aging office, for persons over 60, call Director Jean Cox, 812-238-1561

Red Cross -- Joe Lowe 812-232-3393, Terre Haute

Hyte Center -- Brenda Floyd 812-234-0724, Terre Haute

Civil Defense, Clay County

Thanks to homemaker

Stay-at-home content

Clara Jameson of Roachdale loves her home.

She should. She's lived in her three-room, wood-frame house on Columbia Street since 1934.

Clara is 92 years old. She'll be 93 in May.

Alert, her white-hair neatly coiffed and curled, Clara sat in a rocking chair, crocheted doilies beneath her head, and explained why she can live alone.

She attributes her success at avoiding life in a nursing home to one program: the Homemaker Program offered with Title XX and Title III funds, and in this area, under the auspices of WCIEDD.

Clara Jameson and Lenor Huser

Asked what would have happened to her without the assistance of a Homemaker, Clara succinctly replies, "I'd be in the nursing home.

"I couldn't do it by myself," she said. "I couldn't get by without it. It's helped me a whole lot."

Clara explained a homemaker helps with her sweeping, washing, and house cleaning. Other duties include mailing letters, paying bills, taking Clara to the doctor and taking her to Greencastle for medicine.

Clara has lived alone since her husband John died in 1955. Most of the time her dog, Ralph, and cat, Whitey are her primary companions.

Unable to read much -- she has cataracts -- Clara says she "just sits here mostly and have the radio on."

Clara's current homemaker is Lenor Huser. Lenor lives nine miles northwest of Greencastle and is the mother of two married sons and grandmother to three.

Lenor noted both she and Clara enjoy her visits.

Older people secluded in their homes "get very lonely." Lenor said her elderly clients look forward to her visits on her assigned days.

Homemaking chores vary, depending on the moods and needs of each client, Lenor said.

"Sometimes they want to just go out riding so that's what I'll do. I do whatever they want to do, basically," Lenor explained.

Clara also takes advantage of the Handyman Program. With Handyman and Homemaker aides to help, Clara is at home to stay -- and glad of it.

Busy Bill loves his job

Bill Foxworthy of Greencastle retired three years ago -- in theory.

Actually, his work years never ended.

Ten years after many of his peers eased into comfortable rocking chairs, Foxworthy has found a new focus for his restless energy.

The 75-year-old former carpenter, cabinet maker and metal worker is doing what he likes best -- working.

As a handyman in the federally funded, locally operated Handyman Program for the aged, Foxworthy is using his time-honed skills to help others.

He loves his work.

"I just like to work with older people," Foxworthy noted during a break at one of his clients' homes.

On the day he was interviewed, Foxworthy was repairing a malfunctioning toilet at the home of Clara Jameson, Roachdale.

Since discovering the Handyman Program in August, Foxworthy has devoted many hours helping and recruiting clients.

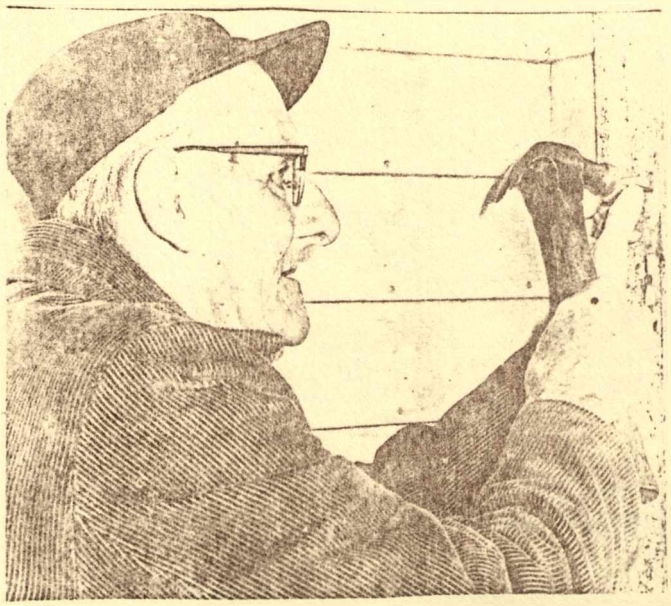
Not content to wait for agency referrals, Foxworthy is always searching for new customers who can benefit from his many skills.

Foxworthy can do "just about anything that has to do with a house -- plumbing, electrical work, general repair.

"Whatever's needed, that's what I do," Foxworthy said.

Foxworthy's interest in his clients is more than business related.

"If I go by someone's house, I'll stop by and see them. They might have something they want done and I like to see how they are. I take an interest in them."



Bill Foxworthy of Greencastle can fix 'most anything.

Aging program

News briefs...News Briefs

The Nutrition Program received final approval for its 1978 operating budget. With approximately $750,000, the program can expand into new areas this year according to Nutrition Program Director Edna Fulk. Possibilities for new nutrition site locations will be investigated during the next few months, she said.

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Terre Haute's Nutrition Program home delivery service may soon have a new delivery route, according to Edna Fulk, Nutrition Program director. A new route would help reduce overflow on the present route.

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Kathy Flowers, West Terre Haute, has joined the Nutrition Program's office staff and will assist with clerical duties on a part-time basis.

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Brownie Troop 100 from Maple Avenue United Methodist Church helped brighten the holiday season for McMillan Adult Day Care Center participants with song. The troop sang Christmas carols and brought a plate of homemade cookies. The daycare center treated the young singers to doughnuts and punch as a reward for their efforts.

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Two St. Marys of the Woods social work interns worked a total of 26 hours a week last semester helping McMillan Adult Day Care Center clients. The young women's presence and enthusiasm helped brighten clients' stays at the center, Margaret Scott, day care center director, said.

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McMillan Day Care Center clients mark important holidays by finding ways to help others. In November, program clients made 350 pine cone turkeys as a community service project for Union Hospital Thanksgiving tray favors. In December, they helped make candy cane decorations and Christmas wreaths for West Central's Aged and Aging Program's recognition dinner. The January project consisted of 250 Valentine tray favors for Union Hospital.

More aging program

News briefs...News briefs...

Vigo County's Stroke Club will meet the first Sunday of each month at McMillan Adult Day Care Center at 1 p.m. First meeting for the organization was Dec. 4 when 26 persons gathered for a Christmas party. Dr. Ed Voges donned Santa Claus attire for the occasion.

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Two students will work with the adult day care program for six weeks. Nuenhuey Lin, a sociology and gerontology intern will work with the program as part of her experience with the Aging Agency. Jeanette Couchman, a family life student at ISU, will work at the day care center on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

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The day care center began a Title XX funding program for the period Nov. 1, 1977-June 30, 1978. The center can serve six Supplemental Security Income recipients and five income eligible elderly in addition to paying clients.

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"Energy for People," a public forum conducted by Indiana State University Feb. 20-24 will feature a day dedicated to examining energy matters of special concern to the elderly. Feb. 21, Senior Citizen Day, will focus on information and demonstrations about energy cost, conservation and the elderly. All senior citizens are urged to attend. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. in Holmstedt Hall, Area E. The session will be from 10 a.m.--noon.

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A public hearing for the area plan for Programs on Aging will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, March 17 on the second floor of the Terre Haute House, Seventh and Wabash streets, Terre Haute. Purpose of the hearing is to review for senior citizens and others interested in the elderly, proposed objectives in the plan. Objectives include plans to initiate or continue programs designed to meet older persons' needs.

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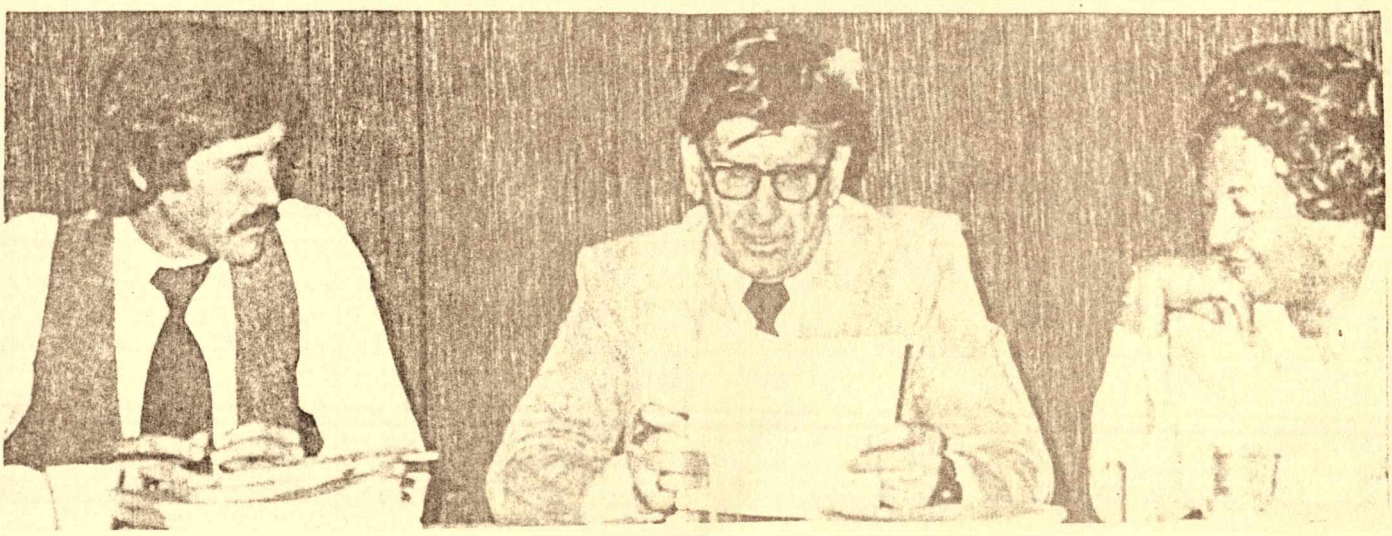
Need information about a particular program for the aged? McMillan Adult Day Care Center Director Margaret Scott can be contacted at the center, 486 First Avenue, Terre Haute, 47807, 812-232-4627. Other personnel can be contacted at P.O. Box 359, Terre Haute, 47808, 812-238-1561. Offices are in the Terre Haute House, 700 Wabash Avenue on the second and first floors. Program Directors are listed on the back page of this newsletter.



Board carries on business at carry-in

WCIEDD Executive Director Merv Nolot, Board of Directors President John Scott from Vigo County and board member Jean Conyers, Vigo County, are shown above at the December carry-in dinner and board meeting at the Terre Haute House, Terre Haute. WCIEDD staff members prepared the holiday dinner which preceded the business meeting. Also pictured are other board members.

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Clay County

FEDERAL AID REVIEW

December, 1977 & January, 1978

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Town, County or Agency	Project Cost	Project
Vermillion County	$ 5,300.00	RC&D Measure for Critical Air Treatment
Jean P. Heath (Individual)	824,305.00	Rural Rental Housing Loan - Lamp Light Manor Apartments, Clinton, Ind.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

West Central Indiana Economic Development District	62,267	Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Community Action Program, Inc. of Fountain, Parke, Vermillion & Warren Counties	181,519	Head Start
West Central Indiana Nutrition Program	567,698	Nutrition Program for the Elderly
Southern Indiana Health Systems Agency, Inc.	682,371	Health Planning

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Ind. Department of Natural Resources	729,966	Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development & Planning in 8 State Parks, including Shakamak in Sullivan County.
Ind. Department of Natural Resources	195,900	Extensive renovation or relocatio of existing trails in nine State Parks, including Shades & Turkey Run in Parke County
Ind. Department of Natural Resources	84,210	Rehabilitation of State Park facilities for the handicapped, including Lieber Park, Shades Par Turkey Run Park and Raccoon Lake Recreation Area.
Ind. Department of Natural Resources	225,000	Improvements within Lieber State Park

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Town, County or Agency	Project Cost	Project
Vigo County Manpower Department	$98,155	CETA, Title II, Modification # 8, Revised.
Vigo County Manpower Department	27,939	CETA Title III, Part C, Sub-part 2
Vigo County Manpower Department	1,211,856	CETA Title VI, Modification # 13
Ind. Office of Manpower Development	670,453	Youth Community Conservation & Improvement Projects (Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan & Vermillion Counties)
Indiana Office of Manpower Developm.	3,600,000	Youth Employment Training Programs (Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan & Vermillion Counties)
Vigo County Bureau of Employment & Training	150,000	CETA Title VI, Modification #14.
Hulman Field Airport Authority	666,000	Rehabilitate storm sewer system, purchase snow plow, etc.
	COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMIN.	
Economoc Opportunity Committee of Daviess, Greene, Knox & Sullivan Counties, Inc.	28,469	Emergency Energy Conservation Program
Economic Opportunity Committee of Daviess, Greene, Knox & Sullivan Counties	90,125	Energy Conservation Project
Vigo County Economic Opportunity Act Committee, Inc.	64,939	Senior Opportunity Services
Community Action Program, Inc., Covington, IN	20,625	Senior Opportunities & Services
Vigo County E.O.A. Committee, Inc.	185,209	Foster Grandparent Program

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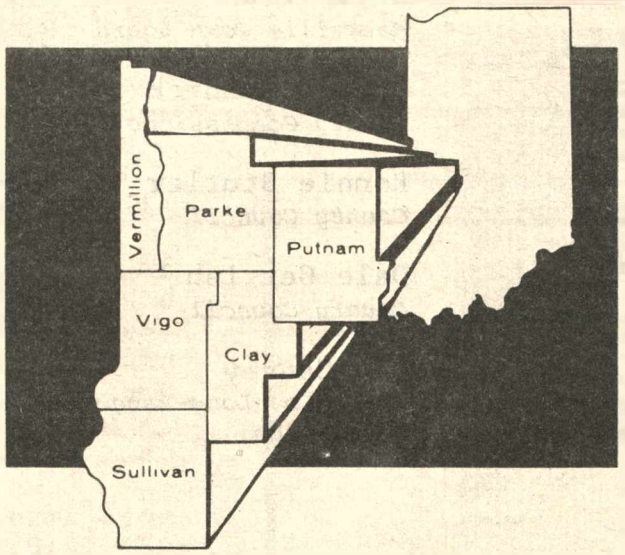

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Overall economic development program

Projects planned thru 1988

The Economic Development Planning staff spent considerable time updating the required 1984-1988 Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) for the district's six-county area. The OEDP is necessary in order to meet the statutory requirement that public works and business development projects funded by the Economic Development Administration be consistent with an overall program for the economic development of the district.

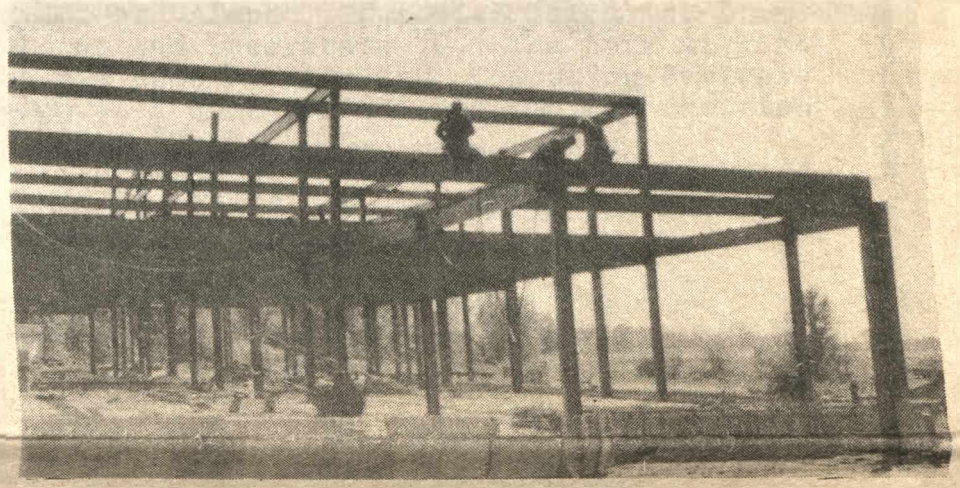
The OEDP contains information on the following topics: historical assessment of past development efforts, general description of the area's geographic features and natural resources, demographic statistics, potentials for economic development and development strategy and plan for implementation.

The staff also completed an EDA required Economic Development Program Evaluation. The purpose of the evaluation was to investigate and self-monitor the overall impact of WCIEDD on our six-county district. The results of the evaluation are to be used by WCIEDD Board of Directors, other local officials and economic development agencies to improve program management, plan future programs and supplement the goals of the OEDP.

WCIEDD receives regional economic development administration appraisal

Regional Economic Development Administration representatives, Art Leonard and Jeff Mirate, visited WCIEDD on the last two days of October to conduct an agency appraisal. The appraisal is required for WCIEDD to retain its eligibility to receive EDA funds. The appraisal included meetings with Merv Nolot, agency executive director; the EDA staff and agency board members.

A formal written appraisal is expected early in 1985. The only verbal assessment resulted in a recommendation to publish agency newsletters to keep the board members informed concerning the agency activities. The staff also reviewed current EDA programs for use in potential area projects. The EDA will be conducting appraisals of a third of all districts this funding cycle, with the district appraisals completed within three years. The EDA is also directing districts to conduct more extensive planning activities.



Construction has begun on the ACD facility, Aleph Park's first tenant. The building is to be occupied in May 1985.

Aleph high technology industrial park celebrates first year

Progress made toward ACD opening

Aleph High-Technology Industrial Park, which celebrated its ground breaking in 1983, has made several strides toward development. Applied Computing Devices, ACD, the parks first tenant, has begun construction of their building. May, 1985 is the targeted date for occupying the facility.

The water quality and quantity problems which have plagued the Riley area were alleviated due to a concerted effort by the Indiana Department of Commerce, the town of Riley and WCIEDD. An Indiana State Industrial Development loan was received for the construction of a waterline to provide municipal service to the town of Riley and Aleph Industrial Park. Engineering has been completed for the utility building, on-site drainage and landscaping. Bids were awarded in December for immediate construction.

Through an application prepared by WCIEDD to the Economic Development Administration, Vigo County was awarded $201,200. These funds, for improvements to State Highway 46 and Moyer Road, were granted in order to provide appropriate access to Aleph Industrial Park.

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Community Improvement Program active in 1984

More projects planned for 1985

The Community Improvement Program is designed to assist communities in carrying out projects related to traditional community concerns. This would include projects in the areas of economic development, public facilities and housing.

Each proposed project must meet one of the three national goals of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which are: (1) give maximum feasible priority to low and moderate income persons; (2) eliminate slums and blight; or (3) meet other urgent community needs relevant to the community's health and welfare.

The community of Clinton in Vermillion County was awarded a 1984 grant of $171,450 for a program to rehabilitate a targeted low-moderate income neighborhood.

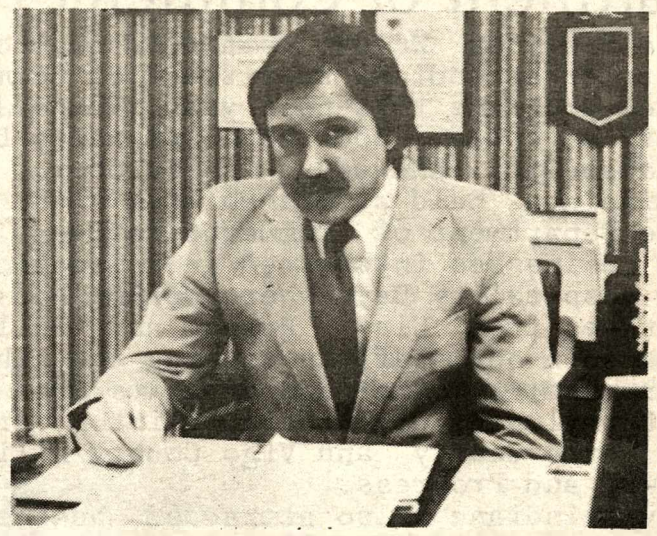
This year WCIEDD submitted project proposals for the following communities: Town of Carbon, storm sewers; City of Brazil, neighborhood revitalization; Parke County, industrial park; City of Sullivan, firehouse; Town of Carlisle, water improvements; the Town of Merom, water improvements; Town of Shelburn, road equipment; Town of Farmersburg, water system; Town of Fairview Park, firehouse; and the Town of West Terre Haute, storm sewers.

Of these proposals, the following communities submitted full applications for 1985 funding considerations:

Town of Carbon	
Storm Sewer System	$389,526
Parke County	
Industrial Park	$569.996
Town of Cayuga	
Water System	$147,490
Town of Fairview Park	
Firehouse	$215,600
Town of Carlisle	
Water System	$39,000
Town of West Terre Haute	
Storm Sewer System	$494,300

A glimpse of 1984

From the desk of the executive director



During the past year several accomplishments have been realized.

The Economic Development Department finalized the funding package for the development of Aleph Industrial campus at State Road 46 and Interstate 70. The park will be the new home of Applied Computing Devices, which will open in 1985 and see the creation of 25 to 50 new jobs.

The town of Riley, with the assistance of WCIEDD, received funding from the State of Indiana to connect the towns water system to the Indiana American Water Works.

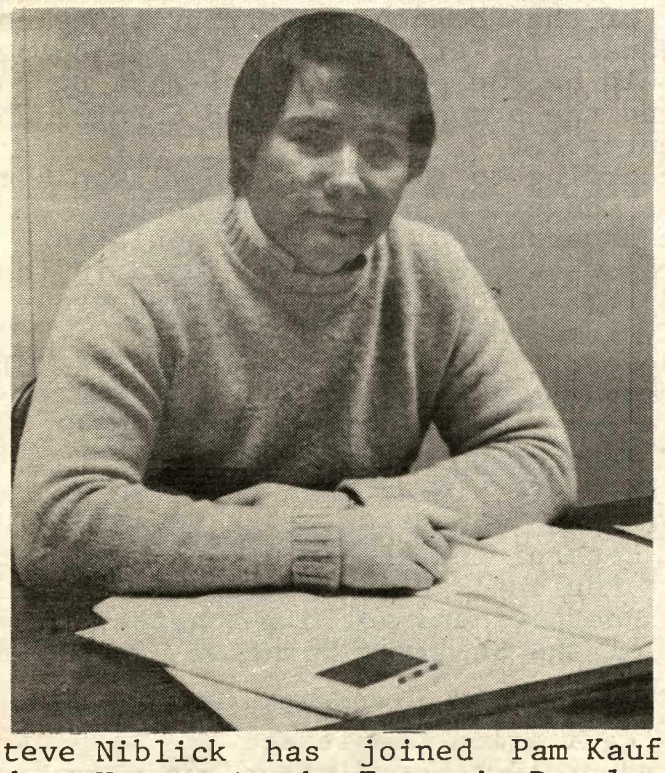
Programs on Aging have had a particularly challenging year in trying to maintain our current level of services with fewer dollars to do so. Difficult decisions on allocation of funds were made with assistance from our advisory bodies so that the most vital services could continue.

A newly instituted nursing home Pre-Admission Screening Program has been put into place at West Central, as well as an Older Workers Employment Program through the Jobs Training Partnership Act.

The Transportation Planning Department put into place a Volume Counting Program for Vigo County and moved the South 7th Street four-laning project much closer to completion. Also moving to the construction phase is the Downtown Transit Transfer Facility at Wabash Avenue and Fifth Street.

We feel that 1984 was a productive year and are looking forward to the challenges of 1985.

Steve Niblick joins WCIEDD staff



Steve Niblick has joined Pam Kauffman and Andrea Koontz in the Economic Development Planning Department at WCIEDD.

July 9th marked the starting date of the Economic Development Planning Department new staff member, Steve Niblick. Steve is from Bluffton, Indiana and is a 1983 graduate of Ball State University, where he was awarded a B. S. degree in Urban Studies and Planning.

Steve completed an internship at the Elkhart County Department of Planning and Development. During his internship, he worked on the development of a county 'bikeway' and an Affordable Housing Program. The Affordable Housing Program was sponsored by the National Association of Counties and the Housing and Urban Development Administration.

Steve is currently assigned the economic development planning responsibilities for Parke and Vermillion Counties.

WCIEDD promoted thru Indiana Department of Commerce

The staff of WCIEDD continued to promote the district at Indiana Department of Commerce sponsored programs this past year. In June, the staff attended 'Hoosier Hospitality Days' in Indianapolis and again in October at 'Investindiana' held at French Lick.

The Department of Commerce invited more than 70 businesses interested in relocation to Hoosier Hospitality Days where WCIEDD had representatives from Clay, Putnam and Sullivan counties join our staff in working the exhibit booth. Other areas that had exhibits from our district included: Cloverdale, Clinton, Greencastle, Parke County and Vigo County/Alliance for Growth and Progress.

Investindiana also attracted businesses and industry, but generally more consultants andutility companies were invited. As with Hoosier Hospitality Days, the three-day program included business sessions covering Indiana's business advantages and was highlighted by speeches by Gov. Robert Orr and Lt. Gov. John Mutz.

Programs such as Hoosier Hospitality Days and Investindiana give the staff and community leaders an opportunity to meet face-to-face with people who make relocation decisions. It is a chance to tell businesses that west central Indiana is a great place to live and work.

WCIEDD ads appear in trade magazines

WCIEDD received a Department of Commerce-Industrial Promotion Matching Program grant for the amount of $2500 for district promotion. The grant was matched by the counties making the total project cost $5000.

The grant is being used to run advertisements in two separate nationally distributed trade magazines, PLANTS, SITES AND PARKS and AREA DEVELOPMENT. A portion of this grant will also be used to produce quality response packages during the 1984-1985 winter.

This grant represents the first time that the DOC has awarded Community Development Block Grant money to an economic development district for promotion. It is hoped that these advertisements will attract new industry to the area and also stimulate future investment in promoting and marketing within the district.

Merv Nolot and Steve Niblick of WCIEDD, join Dave Everhart, John Scott and Jim Jenkins in the ribbon-cutting cermony to dedicate the Indiana American waterline for Riley. Mr. Fox and Mr. Meyers of Riley look on.

Sullivan recipient of marketing plan

Ivy Tech provides research for marketing conference

Retail merchants of Sullivan heard the results of research and received a marketing plan for their district in May. IVY Tech professor Dr. Lloyd Roettger, equipped with data compiled by his marketing class, delivered the final plan to 15 people gathered in Sullivan for the Marketing conference. Two booklets were distributed containing the results of the study.

Roettger said his group's research had shown a need to revive what had once been a prosperous commercial district in Sullivan.

According to the marketing plan, there is a need in Sullivan for the "coordination of a wide variety of business improvements, physical appearance, organization, advertising, merchandising operations, and other actions that will make the downtown square a better competitor in the overall marketplace.

Some examples of action suggested in the plan which could be done were:

-Pooling of resources for better and more widely distributed advertising.
-Better cooperation between mershants to promote the downtown as a whole.
-A marketing strategy which points out the strengths and advantages of the downtown area.

Roettger said there are many strengths of the downtown area which can be exploited such as its uniqueness and overall positive appearance. He said his group of senior marketing students came up with a theme of "A Return to the Good Old Days," and a logo which emphasized there is "Somethin' Special in Sullivan."

The overall purpose of the plan is attracting customers to the downtown Sullivan business district and to maintain and improve its image in the area.

The audit identified the principle competitor of the downtown district to be Honey Creek Square in Terre Haute. Future competitors could be the proposed Wal-Mart Discount Store and the proposed Town and Country Shopping Center.

According to the audit, Sullivan's market area covers a half of the county. The 1980 census showed that the poulation of that area was 7,183. Census data indicated per capita income in the trading area was slightly less than $10,000 a year.

The audit also revealed results of a price comparison between Sullivan and Honey Creek Square. One of the spoken displeasures the IVY Tech group had collected was that local prices were higher than in Terre Haute.

The plan was drawn up on the invitation of West Central Indiana Economic Development District Regional Planner Pam Kauffman who contact Roettger and got him together with members of the Sullivan Downtown Development Committee.

Plans are now in process by the Sullivan Revitalization Committee to employ a part-time project coordinator for promotional advertising, fund raising and implementation of Roettger's study.

Master plans updated for area parks

The WCIEDD staff revised the master park plans for the following Park and Recreation Boards: Sullivan County, Vermillion County, Dugger and Merom. Greencastle's park plan is currently being updated. The master plans include goals and purposes for the parks and details facilities available as well as those planned for the future.

The updating of these master plans enables established Park and Recreation Boards to apply for Department of Natural Resources' funds. Local units of government participating in this program are required to provide matching funds.

The Merom Park and Recreation Board has applied for 1985 funding, with State approval already being granted. Proposed development of Merom Park Bluff includes: purchase and installation of barbeque grills and park benches, remodeling of restroom facilities, drainage and tile low spot, and construction of one new shelter house. The total project cost is $21,660.

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Transportation review

13th Street project progressing

The WCIEDD Transportation staff's planning process involves the collection and analysis of data to identify problem areas and suggests alternative solutions. One area identified and under construction to improve safety is the 13th Street corridor from Poplar Street to Locust Street.

Plans for further improvements along 13th Street, from Locust Street to 8th Avenue, will be submitted for approval in January 1985.

As with several previous highway improvement projects in the Terre Haute urbanized area, the need for improvement on 13th Street was first recognized in studies by the Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment. The identification of public facility problems in designated 'target areas' of the city was first noted in 1980 through the completion of a series of comprehensive engineering studies. These consultant studies not only identified problem locations, but recommended public facility improvements, determined funding eligibility and availablility, and estimated timetables for completion of recommended improvements. Substantial improvements have resulted in designated 'target areas' as a result of the Department of Redevelopment's efforts. One of the major areas still requiring improvement is the one-mile section of 13th Street.

The primary problem area of the corridor consists of four signalized intersections and one 'T' intersection. To reduce the congestion along the corridor and increase the safety record at high accident locations, signal modernization and interconnection are needed. Signal interconnection could not only improve traffic flow and aid in alleviating congestion within this corridor, but contribute to a reduction of accidents.

Within the 13th Street corridor are located three intersections with high accident rates. The Terre Haute Urban Area Traffic Accident Study and Summary Listing of 1981, published by WCIEDD, listed the Poplar, Walnut and Wabash Avenue intersections with 13th Street as high accident intersections. These intersections ranked 13th, 17th and 14th, respectively, out of all Terre Haute urbanized intersections for Calendar Years 1980 and 1981.

Signal interconnection and modernization is completed at the intersection of 13th Street and Ohio Boulevard to alleviate congestion along this more heavily used corridor.

New equipment aids volume counting program

With the purchase of four portable traffic volume counters, the WCIEDD Transportation staff has begun its urbanized area Volume Counting Program. This program will allow the staff the opportunity to collect and compute estimates of Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) at specific locations and estimate regional VMT.

The data obtained from the volume counters will enable staff to determine peak hour periods and volume, average daily traffic, annual VMT, turning movements, travel patterns, levels of precision and determination of daily and seasonal variation factors. The estimates at combined specific locations will be utilized to provide volumes across cordon lines-imaginary barriers-and screen lines-physical barriers which segregate specific areas, along a corridor and within small subareas.

The Volume Counting Program data will be used as a quantitative base for use in the Transportation System Management Element, Transportation Plan Update and Annual Accident Study. By initiating the Volume Counting Program, the Transportation staff will have the technical support needed in determining future transportation projects for the urbanized areas.

Transportation staff assists transit utility

The Terre Haute Transit Utility is in the process of acquiring much needed equipment with the assistance of the WCIEDD Transportation staff. Staff members have been working with Transit Utility staff in an effort to obtain capital acquisitions with funding available from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. WCIEDD staff members have been responsible for researching, writing and reviewing specifications for a variety of new projects.

Specifications have already been written for a new bus washing machine for the Transit Utility. With this equipment, the buses will be washed with much greater speed and efficiency.

To provide amenities to the patrons of the transit system, new bus shelters are scheduled to be installed. WCIEDD is currently collecting data to determine high usage boarding and deboarding sites for shelter locations.

Other proposed equipment acquisitions include two-way radios for the bus drivers and a four-wheel drive tow truck. The WCIEDD staff is currently involved in many phases of the process.

Fourth annual traffic accident study completed for Terre Haute

The Calendar Year 1983 Traffic Accident Study and Summary Listing for the Terre Haute Urbanized Area was completed by the WCIEDD Transportation staff and approved by the Indiana Department of Highways and the Federal Highway Administration.

Completion of the fourth annual study has provided a substantial data base by which the Transportation staff will be able to determine the trends of accident characteristics and the locations involved. Those intersections that have continuously appeared as significant accident locations over the past four years have been identified and will be analyzed for possible safety improvements.

Accident reports were obtained from the Terre Haute City Police Department, Vigo County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police Departments in order to compile the study. These agencies, along with city, county and state engineers, have received copies of the study.

Accident information such as the time, date, location, weather, and contributing factors are outlined in the study. this information, combined with Transportation Systems Management Elements, will be utilized as support for future transportation improvement projects.

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Data gathering for the Calenday Year 1984 Accident Summary is well underway and the study will be completed in the Spring of 1985. Accident information from the West Terre Haute and Indiana State University Police Departments will also be included in the 1984 summary.

New bus transfer center

Center will open in spring of 1985

The northeast corner of Wabash Avenue and Fifth Street will be the site of the new bus transfer center. After several months of preconstruction activities, initiated by a feasability study conducted by West Central, ground was broken on November 6, 1984.

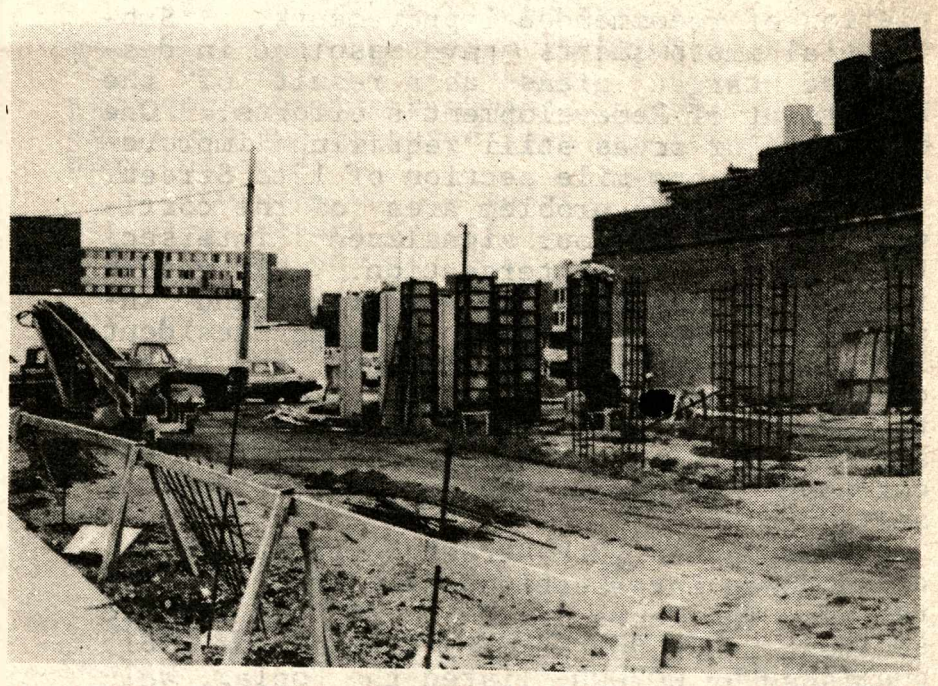
The engineering firm of Sebree, Craig and McKneight of Indianapolis designed the proposed transfer center site. The transfer center will consist of a pedestrian island with shelters to protect patrons from inclement weather. Around this island, buses will be able to load and unload patrons.

The new transfer center will replace the current transfer center located at the intersection of Wabash Avenue and Seventh Street. The desirability of an off-street transfer facility and the added amenities of patron bus shelters make the new location a much needed improvement.

Among the existing problems inherent to the current system which will be alleviated are: the difficulties of parking in the designated bus stop zones, the lack of space required for the performance of minor repair operations and the inaccessability to patrons. The new system will erase several of the negative aspects of current transit travel and will integrate the buses in a centralized area and increase patron convenience.

Maher Brothers Construction will be constructing the transfer center with a targeted completion set for Spring, 1985. The proposed cost for the facility is $113,957.

Construction began following November 6 groundbreaking



The new Bus Transfer Center on the northeast corner of Wabash Avenue and Fifth Street is presently under construction. The center will open during the Spring of 1985.

WCIEDD
Area Seven Agency On Aging
Review

Agency programs remain viable despite funding reductions

The Programs on Aging faced a real challenge in 1984. Because of the census data changes for Area 7 the program faced a five percent reduction in funding. The major difficulties were: how to absorb the cuts, keep services intact, and serve the changing needs of the elderly population. The programs did remain strong and two new nutrition sites were added to serve additional geographical areas. Several of the senior centers did their own local fund raising and increased the number of participants they were serving. The Sullivan Senior Center Board was able to purchase their own facility. It was renovated through local donations of labor and supplies. Now the seniors have a new home with pleasant surroundings and room to grow

In 1985 the challenge is faced again by the programs. While exact funding is not yet known, it appears that the maximum level will be the same as last year and that possibly another five percent reduction will occur. This means that all the services must meet this challenge and every effort made to continue vital services at the most cost efficient methods possible.

The Area 7 Agency received a small amount of supplemental funding late in 1984. The funds were allocated to five separate organizations for the purchase of equipment which included recreational material, smoke detectors and two-way citizen band radios for the senior transportation system. In addition, Union Hospital was able to expand its Lifeline program through the purchase of additional communicators, and Mary Sherman Hospital received funding to initiate a Lifeline program in Sullivan.

Agency advocacy efforts aid in generic drug bill enactment

The Advocacy efforts of the Programs on Aging this year were many and varied. A local legislative committee, chaired by Hubert Clodfelter, joined with the state network early in the year to see that the Generic Drug Bill was enacted.

In May the group held a legislative seminar to develop suggested resolutions for the Older Hoosiers Assembly in September. At the assembly five local delegates worked with other seniors throughout the state to finalize resolutions to be forwarded to the state legislature. The local delegates went one step further and conducted our own delegate-candidate forum on the issues. The forum, held on Sept. 28, gave an opportunity for local seniors to convey the importance of issues and also for candidates and delegates to be able to present their stance on a particular subject. Priorities for the upcoming session of the General Assembly seem to be utility costs, measured telephone service, and protective services for the abused and neglected.

SCATS vehicles receive FM radios

Since its inception the Senior Citizens Area Transportation System has been without a communication system. In the first part of September, the SCATS program installed a temporary two-way citizens band radio system in the transportation vehicles. While this system is very limited in range and usage because of competition for the channels by other radio operators, it proved that the principle underlying this system and the rationale for investing in a more suitable system were well founded. Area Seven has just recently been successful in its bid for grant funds to invest in a two-way FM system similar to those being used by commercial taxi companies, police departments and school systems.

This system will aid in making the program far more efficient. With the additional safety factor for both the clients and the drivers, this communication system will become an intregal part in providing the very best, and most responsive transportation program possible. This becomes even more important considering that the ridership has increased more than 30 percent from that which was projected for this fiscal year.

The goal for the transportation program is to improve the quality of the service whereby the service can be molded around the needs of its clients rather than forcing the clients into the constraints of the system. To accomplish this, Area 7 will be running a quality assurance performance study, more comprehensive route research, and installation of the FM communication system. The goal is to achieve not simply numbers, but quality as well.

In the senior centers the watch word remains consistently delivered quality service. The three centers now under Area 7 have been utilized 24 percent more than their projected usage. In fact, Shelburn had increased, due to some remodeling and other interesting programs, its utilization by 102 percent in the first weeks of November.

Area 7 has been requested to open a senior center in Rockville. While there exists smaller and smaller pools of Title III funds with which to accomplish this task, this agency is trying to create a new source of funds in order to meet the request of Rockville's senior citizens. While Area 7 has not been successful in securing this funding source, the task is actively pursued. The future looks bright for this program.

Our mission has not changed, the personnel are just as committed today in improving the quality of life to our senior citizens as they were when the agency opened. Area 7 will remain a HUMAN oriented service agency.

Agency services improve senior's quality of life

Administrative positions restructured

The administrative positions under the Social Service Block Grants have been restructured in the last year. The new position of Service Director has been developed in order to coordinate the correspondence, fiscal information and grant proposals of the in-house Title XX Programs. The programs involved in the new process are Homebound Services, Case Management, Pre-Admission Screening and Project SAFE.

Kris Shaw has the combined responsibility as the Homebound Services Coordinator and field worker for Project SAFE. Laura Dever is the Case Management Coordinator and still maintains a ten hour case load of clients. Angel Menestrina is the nursing home Pre-Admission Screening Program Coordinator on a full-time basis. Vickie Puthoff is the Services Director and works on a part-time basis with Homebound Services.

Homemaker and handy persons program

During 1984 more than 265 hours of homemaker service and 100 hours of handyman service were available on a weekly basis by the Area Seven Agency on Aging's 11 homemakers and five handymen.

The basic objective of West Central Homebound Services is to enable homebound senior citizens and those disabled under 60 to remain in their homes and enhance the quality of their living conditions.

"The goals of both services are to promote self-sufficiency, to prevent inappropriate institutionalization and to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation," Kris Shaw, program coordinator, commented.

The Homemaker Program provides services to clients who are unable to perform household responsibilities on their own accord. These services include general housekeeping, laundry and errand services.

The Handyman service consists of minor home repairs, heavy tasks and preventative maintenance of the home and grounds to maintain safe and sanitary conditions.

Case management

The Case Management Program is a prerequisite to all Social Service Block Grant funded programs.

Laura Dever, Case Management Coordinator, stated that, "the program is available to all persons over age 60 that fall below 150 percent of the poverty guidelines." The purpose of the Case Management Program is to insure that identified needs have been met as well as locating recipients and evaluating their needs.

The program also conducts appropriate follow-up activities to insure that needs have been met. It also assists in overcoming barriers that may prevent the client from receiving the needed services.

In 1984, approximately 2300 senior citizens were provided with services through 11,385 staff hours. Nine case managers and one coordinator work with the program to serve Area Seven.

Participants of the agency's Homemaker and Handy Person programs celebrate Christmas at the district's office

Nursing home pre-admission screening

Changes improve program

Nursing Home Pre-Admission Screening, PAS, is a program that was mandated by Public Law 21 in 1982. Since the program was initiated in May of 1983, PAS procedures have been updated to further refine the process.

A multidisciplinary team made up of an Area Agency representative, the applicant's physician and possibly a Home Health Care Specialist or a Developmental Disability Specialist, makes a comprehensive assessment of the applicant's needs.

Based upon this assessment, the team tries to determine the appropriateness of the applicant's placement in a health care facility. One consideration when making a team recommendation involves reviewing the availability of appropriate community resources within certain cost considerations.

The Area Agency representative serves as the team coordinator and is charged with the majority of the assessment responsibilities.

Angel Menestrina was hired as the PAS Coordinator on July 18. She, along with seven part-time outreach workers, endeavor to complete assessments and make recommendations within allotted time frames.

Approximately 100 assessments per month have been completed since July 1. These referrals come from all six counties served by the Area Agency on Aging.

New program assists the older worker

By November 1984, 16 low-income older adults were enrolled in the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program.

A new service is also available to employers in Clay, Parke, Putnam, Vermillion and Vigo counties who have job vacancies to fill. The Area Seven Agency on Aging now offers the Older Workers Employment Program which places income eligible workers age 55 and older in a private business for a minimum of 20 hours a week at a pay rate of at least minimum wage.

The program places workers in positions suited to their skills and interests. The program also trains the elderly workers in employment seeking skills.

Interested employers contact the agency concerning vacancies that they are trying to fill. The agency then refers pre-screened individuals to the employer for their consideration. The placement services of OWEP do not cost anything to prospective employers, and the employers do not have to go through the process of locating potential candidates for positions. In addition, the employers are not obligated to hire the referred individuals

Jo Ann Halbert, employment coordinator for the Area 7 Agency on Aging, took over both programs in October.

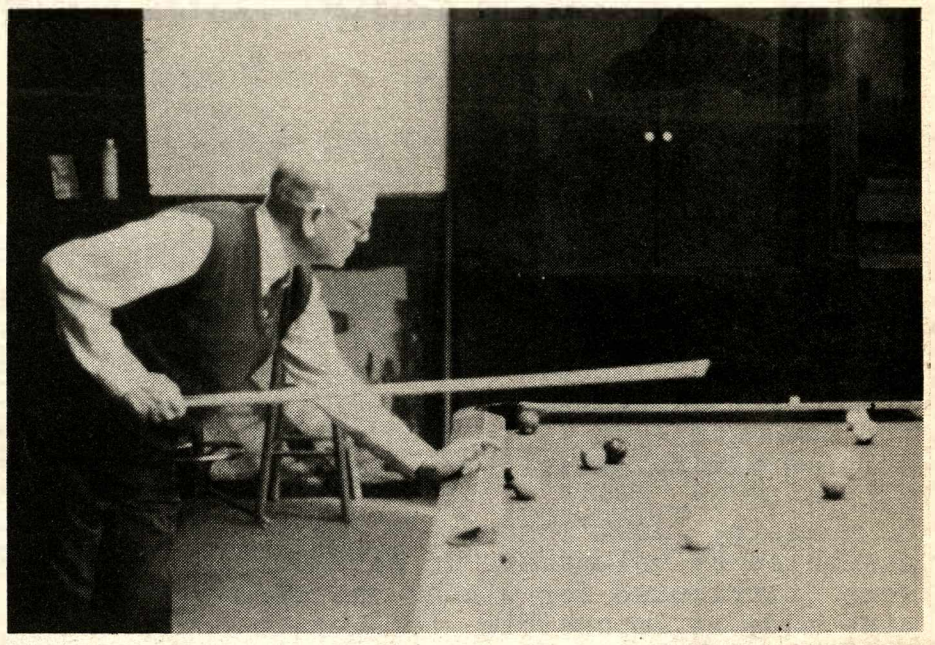
Senior Legal Services
Project valuable to area elderly

The Senior Legal Service Project provided 1700 units of legal assistance to approximately 450 seniors. Some areas of legal assistance provided by the Project are: Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Food Stamps, Township Trustee assistance, Landlord-Tenant and other housing problems, Real Estate law and Consumer contracts.

Some of the significant cases handled by the Project included the return of an elderly man's life savings through litigation; the settlement of a husband and wife's medical bills from a bankrupt insurance company after two years of negotiation; restoration of pension benefits due a man from a bankrupt company; and favorable decisions in two Social Security Administrative law hearing cases.

The Senior Legal Services Project provides legal assistance to residents of Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties, who are aged 60 and older. Sandra Auler, Paralegal and Project Coordinator, stated that the Project targets, and makes a priority, the legal needs of the vulnerable elderly and those who cannot afford legal services. In addition to legal assistance, Auler also provides community legal education in the form of workshops and lectures at various senior centers, dining sites, community centers and churches in the six county area.

Most recently, lectures on Legal Guardianship and Power of Attorney were given in the months of September and October before the Clay and Greene County Chapters of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in Coalmont, the Organization of Wabash Valley Social Workers at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, and to the Resident's Family Council at Maplewood Manor in Terre Haute.



Wabash Senior Center's van driver Larry Drake takes a break from his schedule via a relaxing game of billiards. Games and other group activities are available through the area's senior centers.

SAFE
Agency assists application process

West Central Programs on Aging assists people 60 years of age and older apply for Project SAFE, a low-income energy assistance program. Persons who are eligible for SAFE receive credit toward their heating costs. Each household must meet the income guidelines established by the state.

"This credit is a one time assistance only and carries over from month to month until it is used," Kris Shaw, SAFE field worker, commented. "Although the Area Seven Agency on Aging does not receive funding for Project SAFE, they are able to assist in the application process."

SAFE runs from November 7 through March 15, however, the agency receives inquiries year round, according to Shaw who takes the applications to the homes of the senior citizens and helps to fill them out.

Many seniors have problems communicating their concerns to agencies that are not trained in dealing with older people. "That is another reason we take responsibility to assist them," Shaw said.

The Senior's Legal Services Project is located at 2401 Poplar Street. Attorney Keith Lyman and paralegal Sandy Auler assist seniors through this program.

West Central Indiana Nutrition Program

Program delivers more than meals

The West Central Indiana Nutrition Program for the elderly provided between 1300 and 1600 meals daily in 1984 through 33 nutrition dining sites.

Again, 2000 emergency meal boxes were assembled by volunteers on November 1. These were distributed for winter use when emergencies made it impossible to get to homebound seniors with hot meals.

Quarterly trainings for the nutrition site directors were held during the year covering communication skills, alzheimer's disease, choking practices, disruptive behavior and dealing with emergencies, among other topics.

Not only did the Program observe the holidays with special menus, they also hosted Quarterly Specials including Nutrition Awareness Day in March, Lucky 13th Day in April, Area Day and Site Picnics in May and August, and Occupation Day in September. Holiday brunches were served at 10:30 a.m. the day prior to Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, which were well received by all participants.

In conjunction with the Cooperative Extension Service, the Nutrition Program participated in the 'Food and Fitness' campaign. The program sponsored a poster contest at the nutrition sites in Vermillion County in an attempt to make participants more aware of the need for good nutrition and exercise in the development and maintenance of health and well-being.

Through efforts to increase contributions and fund raising activities for the dining sites, the Program expanded this past year by the addition of one home delivery route in southern Vigo County and Rockville and opened a new dining site in Marshall. Program also closed the senior dining site in Roachdale due to the lack of interest and participation. The home deliveries from that site were assumed by the Greencastle site. A minority dining site was opened in Terre Haute at the Bethlehem Temple Church, following the closing of the Roachdale site.

The Program faced an increasing need for home delivered meals this year. Fortunately, with supplemental funds, the Program could expand and provide cold weather meals for the homebound. More than 600 of the total meals which were served daily were home delivered.

The WCINP worked cooperatively during the year with the Community Action Programs of Covington, Terre Haute and Vincennes in distributing Department of Agriculture commodities quarterly to the senior citizens of our program.

Information and Referral Program

Area seniors informed of resources available to them

The Information and Referral Program undertook several projects during 1984 aimed at informing senior citizens of services that could help them.

"All of the services available to the elderly don't do any good unless the people who need them know about them," Miriam Nowak, I and R Coordinator, commented. "That's why we are here, to help the people find the services they need."

The I and R Program operates the 60 PLUS HELP LINE, a telephone line for the elderly, their relatives and others to call for assistance and information. The program provided 19,000 units of service and served approximately 2,500 people during 1984 through the phone line and other informational services, such as the "GRAPEVINE" newsletter and presentations to senior citizen groups. The program averaged 100 calls per month during 1984. Five percent of the callers lived in Clay County, seven percent were from Parke, four percent were from Putnam, nine percent were from Sullivan, six percent were from Vermillion and 66 percent came from Vigo County.

Numerous efforts were made to increase public awareness of the phone line during 1984, including radio and television public service announcements and posters which were distributed to area pharmacies, churches and doctors' offices.

The I and R Program assisted many other programs to publicize their services by designing pamphlets, flyers and news releases for them. Among those that the I and R Program assisted were the Vigo County Carrier Alert Program, the Dugger Senior Center, the Clay County Senior Center and the American Cancer Society.

The I and R Program updated the slideshow about services which the Area Agency on Aging offers and developed a brochure to accompany it. The I and R Program spoke to the Terre Haute Black Ministerial Association, the Rockville Senior Citizens Club, a local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, a pre-retirement seminar, nursing home social service directors and several college classes during 1984.

The I and R Program prepared updated "INFORMATION, PLEASE" telephone directories for the elderly which will be released in the Spring of 1985. Leadership Terre Haute published a special edition of the Vigo County Directory in cooperation with Terre Haute First National Bank and distributed it to 500 individuals within the state.

Newsletter circulation grew from 1,500 to 1,700 a month during 1984. The newsletter contains information on services, issues and events that affect the elderly.

West Central Indiana Senior Citizen Centers

Proud of their fellowship and deep commitment, the ten area Senior Citizen Centers possess a strong base from which to provide an incalcuable service to the elderly population. In addition to being a meeting place where seniors may gather and talk with friends, the center also serves as a focal point for educational and informational programs, as well as the services available through the Area Seven Agency on Aging designed specifically for them.

However, the greatest asset the centers possess is the combined knowledge of their elderly patronage. This became evident during the renovation of the new center in Sullivan. Those seniors who were unable to become physically involved in the project were able to participate with their mental skills by relating their experiential knowledge.

Besides providing a base for agency services, such as the nutrition and SCATS programs, each center actively initiates their own projects customized directly for their participants. Bingo, quilting , craft and excercise classes are among the most popular. Music is also strongly in evidence; the Brazil center has the 'Sunset Kids' country band and Clinton has the 'Merrybelles,' a bell-ringing choir are two among the many.

Center director Rita Ellis assists Anita Nettles and Ella Sprague in the construction of a quilt at the lenn Civic Center. Quilt making is one of several activities available through the area's senior centers.

The new Sullivan Senior Center, located at 320 North Court Street next to the Sunrise Towers, was opened officially on the 16th of September. The center was renovated through donations of labor and supplies.

McMillan Adult Day Care Center

An alternative to nursing home placement

The McMillan Adult Day Care Center has served as an alternative to nursing home placement since September 1965. The center provided service to 46 individuals aged 61 to 94 during the FY1984 contract year.

Margaret Scott, center director, said clients were busy participating in a wide variety of activities including community service projects. In addition, a client bowling league was established with an average of ten clients bowling each Friday at the Vigo Bowling Alley.

McMillan participants have made rag dolls for Union Hospital's Pediatrics Department. Scott said they also crocheted afghans for the Vigo County School Corporation's Teenage Parenting classes. The clients have helped to raise money to support the center's programs through the manufacture of crafts for three sales and have made a quilt again this year. In addition, the center benefits from the donations of supplies and volunteer hours from people in the community.

Scott, a registered nurse, is assisted by Modestine Guy and a staff of five. The center offers skilled nursing supervision and various other programs to disabled seniors living alone or with their families.

"Attendance is an average of 20 persons a day with a waiting list of prospective clients needing the services," Scott said. This is the second annual year that the center has been required to maintain a waiting list.

Scott said that students from St. Mary's of the Woods College, Indiana State University and IVY Tech have also spent time working with the staff.

The McMillan Adult Day Care Center is funded by a Social Service Block Grant. Matching funds are provided by the Vigo County Commissioners office. According to the center director, 97 percent of the Day Care Contract was utilized during FY1984.

Simeon House

The Day Activities Program of the Simeon House, which are partially funded by WCIEDD, continue to ensure that the residents of the home, as well as the area elderly, may continue to lead secure, dignified and productive lives.

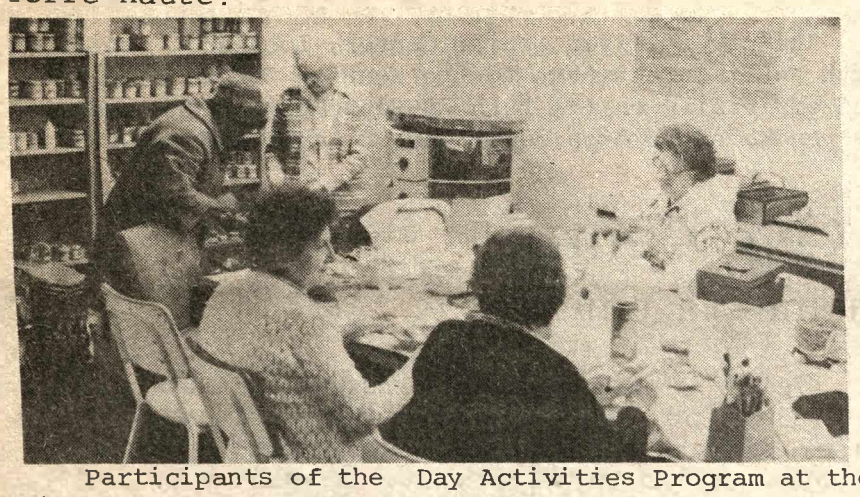
Since its inception in 1978, the Simeon House, located next to St. Patrick's at 1801 Poplar Street in Terre Haute, has provided several activities and programs for senior citizens. An average of 100 seniors take advantage of the daily activities and Senior Nutrition Program each week.

The program includes classes in ceramics, needlepoint and other crafts as the requests arise. A weekly group discussion with a psychologist, lectures, educational programs and the Vigo County Health Clinic are part of the monthly fare.

"We are presently soliciting retired educators from St. Mary's of the Woods, ISU and Rose-Hulman to instruct requested seminars for the program's participants. We also plan to establish a 'Simeanna" Club to define the interests of participants at the home and of the programs," Sister Brendan Harvey, home director, commented.

The 14 residents of the congregate home have their own private sleeping quarters and are allowed to share the remaining facilities, which include excercise and laundry rooms, craft areas and a 'Curiosity Shoppe' where in-house crafts are sold. Meals are prepared in the home and served three times daily.

The waiting list for the home has recently been alleviated with the introduction of Simeon II, a second home located in the one-time Sacred Heart Convent in northern Terre Haute.



Participants of the Day Activities Program at the Simeon House create various arts and crafts to be sold in the home's Curiosity Shop.

Seniors of Sullivan County are screened for high blood pressure through the Wabash Valley Human Services Health Screening Program.

Wabash Valley Human Services Health Screening Program

The Wabash Valley Human Services' Senior Health Screening Program was initiated in 1974 as a result of community needs assessment meetings. The program was developed to partially address the concern over the rising costs of health care and its effects on the elderly. 'Health Days' are provided for seniors at various locations throughout Sullivan County. Seniors are screened for high blood pressure, diabetes, vision problems, weight abnormalities, glaucoma, oral cancer and other medical disorders common among senior citizens. From December 1983 to December 1984, 2419 screenings were performed, with 372 referrals made to appropriate professionals. Over this same period, 169 new clients have availed themselves to these services.

'Health Days' are conducted by two registered nurses at eight sites in Sullivan County: the senior centers in Sullivan, Dugger and Shelburn; nutrition sites at Carlisle, Merom, Farmersburg and Hymera; and Sunrise Towers. Providing these services locally, the inconvenience of travel for the seniors is eliminated.

The sponsorship of the glaucoma screenings by local civic groups is an example of the community support for the program. Professional services for the yearly screenings are directed by the Indiana University School of Optometry under the supervision of Dr. Richard Meetz. Additional community support is provided through oral cancer screenings conducted by local dentists and funding for the entire program is provided by the Indiana State Board of Health and the Area Seven Agency on Aging.

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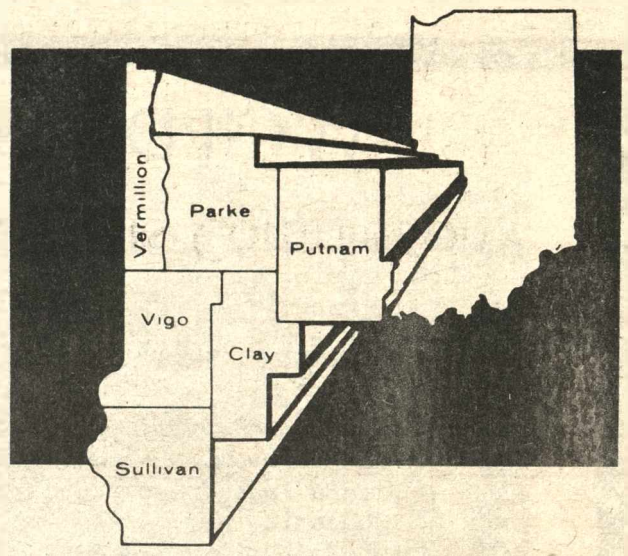

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Off-street transfer center eases downtown traffic congestion and gives bus patrons shelter from weather.

Bus Transfer Center Opens

After much planning and preparation, the Wabash Avenue Bus Transfer Center opened July 1, 1985. The occasion, marked by ribbon-cutting ceremonies, was the culmination of a project several years in the making. Terre Haute Mayor P. Pete Chalos was on hand to cut the ribbon and usher in a new era for local bus patrons.

The Transfer Center, located on the north east corner of Wabash Avenue and Fifth Street, consists of a pedestrian island with two shelters. Terre Haute Transit Utility buses pull up around these shelters to load and unload passengers. Greater safety for bus patrons and protection from inclement weather are the main advantages of the new facility.

In 1981, the Transportation staff at WCIEDD conducted a feasibility study on the merits of an off-street transfer facility. At that time, passengers wanting to transfer buses were required to do so at the busy corner of Seventh Street and Wabash Avenue. The study stated that an off-street facility would be prefered to the present set-up and several possible locations were examined.

The engineering firm of Sebree, Craig and McKneight of Indianapolis were selected to design the structure and supervise its construction. Maher Brothers Construction was awarded the construction contract. Ground was broken November 6, 1984.

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Area Agency Promotes Growth

The Area 7 Agency on Aging encouraged growth and development in services during 1985 despite a freeze in the agency's funding.

The Agency saw a marked increase in the need for homebound meals which went up by over 200 meals a day from 1984 to 1985. To accomodate this increase, the Nutrition Program added one home delivery route and reorganized existing routes. The Nutrition Program was able to open two new dining sites during 1986 and saw an increase in participation in the congregate meal program as well. This was possible through lower catering costs, increased contributions from participants, USDA reimbursements and supplemental funds awarded to the homebound meal program.

Due to 1984 carryover funds and a small increase in Title IIIB Older Americans Act

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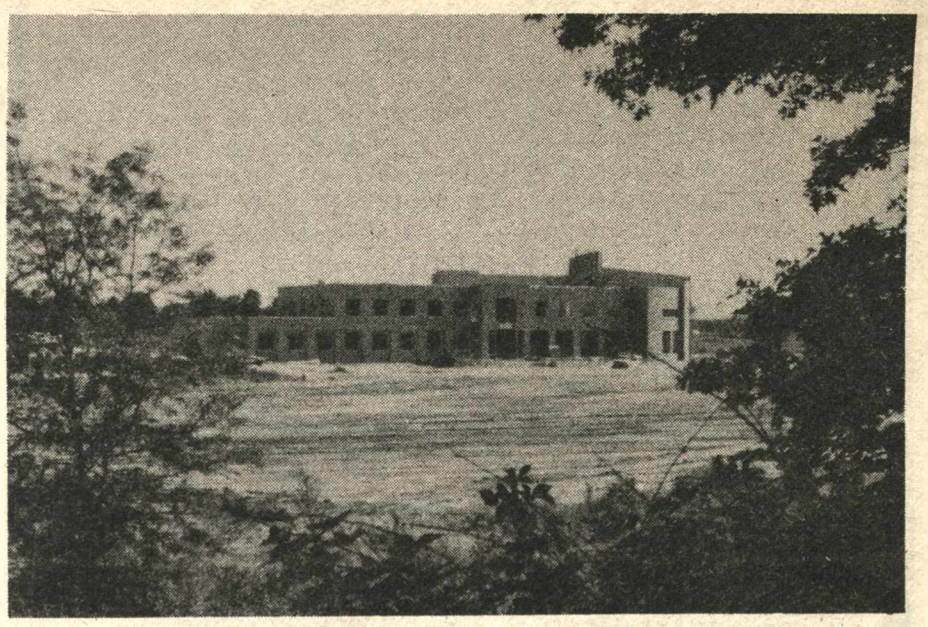

The architects of the Sears Tower designed the new building for Applied Computing Devices in Aleph Park.

Aleph Park Nears Completion

The move of Applied Computing Devices, ACD, from their Ohio Street offices in Terre Haute to their new building in June of 1985 marked the opening of the people-oriented Aleph High-Technological Industrial Park. The official open house for ACD was held on November 12, 1985.

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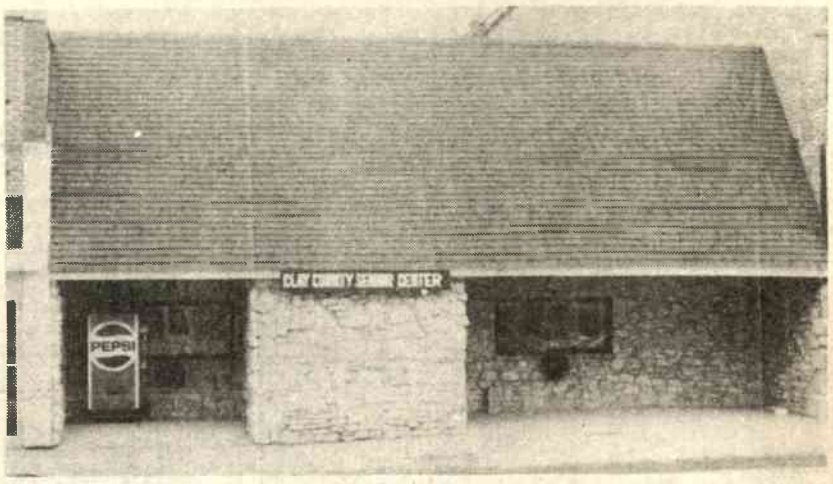

The new Clay County Senior Center opened in May.

Agency Growth

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funds, the agency granted the Vermillion County Hospital monies to buy a base unit for their Emergency Care Service, a 24 hour home monitoring system which is now serving 20 frail and vulnerable people in Parke and Vermillion counties.

These same funds allowed the agency to grant the Friendly Visitor Program monies to expand their program from Vigo County into Clay County. The Friendly Visitor Program attempts to treat loneliness by having volunteers visit isolated individuals and provide friendship.

The Area Agency was also able to encourage growth without providing funds to some services. Through a cooperative effort between the Wabash Valley United Way and the Lewis Postal Service, postal carriers will keep an eye on vulnerable elderly people on their routes and notify an emergency contact person through the United Way if they suspect that the older person is in trouble. The Area Agency was instrumental in initiating the program in Lewis.

Since the beginning of the Adult Protective Services Program in September, the Area Agency has worked with the Vigo County Prosecutor's office to resolve situations involving the abuse, neglect or exploitation of older adults.

The Area Agency on Aging and Hamilton Center are working together to reorganize the Alzheimer's Disease support group. The Area Agency staff will hold the meetings and Hamilton Center will provide mental health expertise for the group.

Through the cooperative efforts of the Terre Haute Housing Authority, the Area Agency on Aging, the McMillan Adult Day Care Center and a local foundation, the McMillan Adult Day Care Center will have a larger facility early in 1986. The Terre Haute Housing Authority granted the center funds and a 99 year lease on their building in the McMillan Square housing complex. This combined $60,000 in funds from a local foundation enabled the center to have an addition built on their existing facility.

The Clay County Senior Center moved into a facility three times the size of their old center through their efforts to raise funds. Volunteers manned a concession stand at Forest Park in Brazil for three months with the profits going to the center. The center also provided food for auctions and Turner Bus trips to special events as fund raisers. A Pepsi machine outside the building also made money for the center. Continued on Page 8

WCIEDD Assists Communities

WCIEDD EDA staff recently completed and submitted applications for communities wishing to obtain grant funding from the Community Improvement Program.

The Community Improvement Program is a $10 million program designed to assist communities in such areas as sewer improvement, construction of public facilities, residential and commercial rehabilitation, and economic development activities. Out of the $10 million allotted to the CIP, $1 million has been specifically allocated for the Small Cities Target Fund. This fund is to be used for rural economic development activities in communities of 5000 people or less.

To be eligible to participate in the CIP, a project must meet one of three national goals. These goals include: (1) giving maximum feasible priority to low and moderate income persons, (2) elimination of slums and blight, or (3) meeting other urgent community needs necessary for the community's health and welfare.

In 1985 the Town of Carlisle participated in the CIP and was awarded a grant of $34,000 to repair its' water system. This year proposals were submitted for the following communities: City of Brazil--neighborhood revitalization, Clay County--sewer line extension, Town of Seelyville--water system, Vigo County--Lewis--water line extension, City of Clinton--housing rehabilitation, Parke County --revolving loan fund, Town of Farmersburg--water line extension, Town of Shelburn--sewer system repair, Town of Bainbridge--sewer system, City of Greencastle--downtown revitalization.

Those communities invited to submit full applications were:

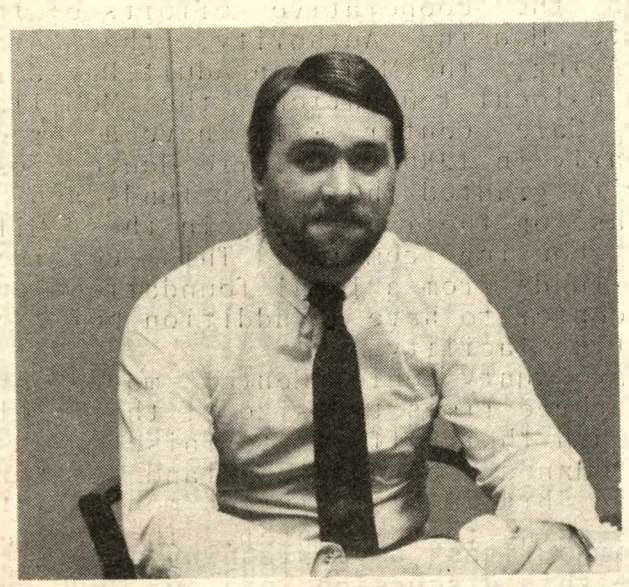
Clay County--Sewer Line Extension
- -grant request $160,245
- -Total Project $200,000

Farmersburg--Water Line Extension
- -grant request $161,901
- -Total Project $300,766

City of Clinton--Rehabilitation of Homes
- -grant request $220,000
- -Total Project $300,000

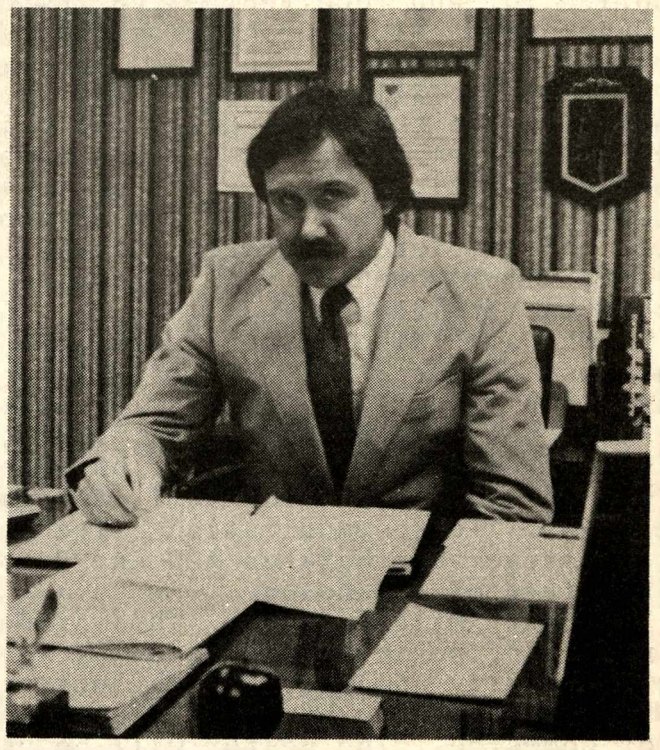
Vigo County, Lewis--Water Line Extension
- -grant request $318,800
- -Total Project $434,800

City of Greencastle--Economic Development
- -grant request $267,900
- -Total Project $431,000



Jim Coffenberry joins EDA staff.

A Glimpse of 1985— from the desk of the Executive Director



1985 presented a year of challenge to the West Central Indiana Economic Development District.

As the President and Congress move to cut funding for various programs, tough decisions have to be made to keep the most vital programs and services operating for our seniors.

I am continually impressed with the positive attitude which our staff and Board of Directors apply to the difficult process of delivering increased services with decreasing resources.

The phrase "when the going gets tough, the tough get going" epitomizes the West Central staff.

A national promotional effort to spur economic development was successfully completed by our staff during the year.

Assisting in the development of "Aleph Park" was another accomplishment by the economic development staff.

Several transit system improvements as well as highway system developments were realized during the past year.

We look forward to 1986 and the challenges and opportunities that it will bring.

Coffenberry Joins EDA staff

Jim Coffenberry, already a familiar face in Sullivan and Putnam counties, is the newest member of the Economic Development Planning staff. Jim began work at WCIEDD on June 10th of this year.

Jim is a 1985 Cum Laude graduate of Indiana State University. He majored in history and minored in public administration.

Jim's favorite part of the job is being out in the field working with the local people. Although he has traveled extensively, he says the west central Indiana area is still home.

Aleph Park

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Aleph Park began in 1983 when Vigo County applied for and received a $778,700 Community Development Block Grant from the Indiana Department of Commerce. This was followed by an EDA grant totalling $201,200 for improvements to S.R. 46 and Moyer Road. The majority of the park development has been completed including utilities, roads, parking areas and landscaping. The lake and dam development should be completed in early 1986 while the off site improvements are scheduled to be finished in May 1986.

Aleph Park also experienced two other milestones during 1985. First, in early spring, the Aleph Park Corporation purchased the Jones and Bezy building and property directly west of the park. This building is serving as the home to ICTT, the Indiana Center for Telecommunication Technology, Inc., a partnership between ACD and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

The other milestone was the production of a marketing poster, prepared by the Ball State University College of Architecture and Planning and financed by the Indiana Department of Commerce. The poster will be used in a direct-mail campaign to attract other "high tech" business to Aleph Park and west central Indiana.

Greencastle Prepares for 2001

WCIEDD economic development staff recently participated in the initial phase of Greencastle's new strategic planning effort, "Greencastle 2001."

The city of Greencastle is currently one of five cities in Indiana participating in a government-sponsored pilot program called "Strategic Planning for Economic Development." Greencastle is being assisted in this endeavor by Dr. Graham Toft, Associate Professor of Technology and Public Policy at Purdue University, and Dr. Bonnie Maitlen, Chief Executive Officer of B.R. Maitlen and Associates, Portland, Indiana.

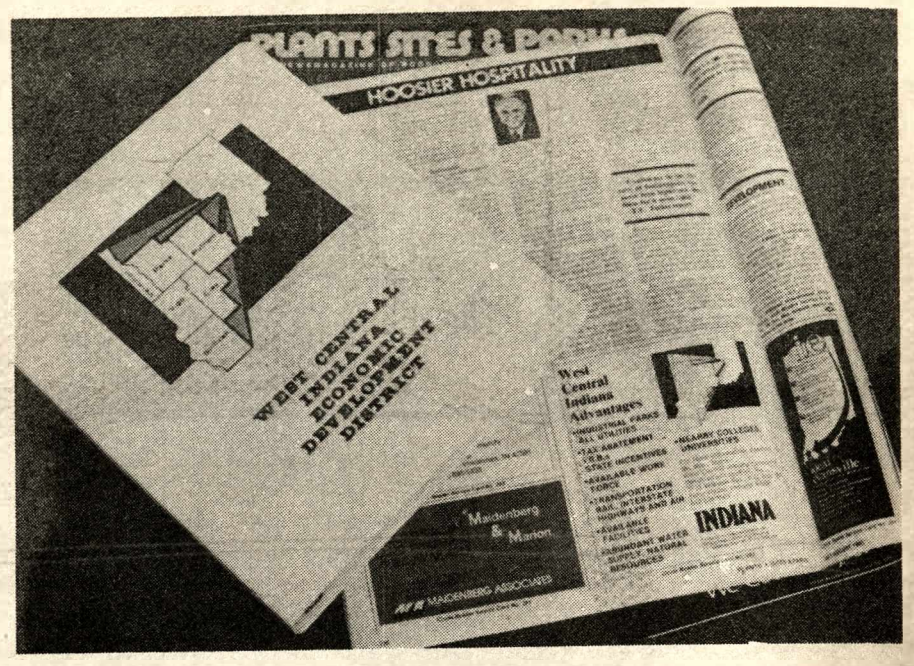
The program is being financed by a $50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is being administered by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns under the supervision of the Indiana Department of Commerce.

The program is designed to encourage cities to recognize their strengths and weaknesses then to devise a strategy to capitalize on the strengths and correct the weaknesses. LaPorte, Logansport, Madison and Shelbyville are also participating in the program.

At a recent retreat in Brown County, a group of community leaders worked to identify key issues and set goals for the future. Currently, the leaders are divided into task forces designed to further define and study specific problems. These task forces will then make recommendations to be used when forming the strategic plan for "Greencastle 2001."

WCIEDD has been designated, by Dr. Toft, to act as a resource agency by providing the task forces with any assistance they may need to complete their tasks.

Greencastle leaders believe they are "forging the keys to the future" which will assure Greencastle a strong position in the economy of 2001.



Nearly 55 information packets were sent to inquirers in response to an advertisement about West Central Indiana placed in national magazines.

WCIEDD Markets District

The WCIEDD staff continued to promote and market the district's advantages in 1985. The staff added a new strategy to this effort by placing advertisements in two national trade magazines. A total of four issues ran the district's ad. This effort generated approximately 55 inquiries throughout the year. Response packages were prepared for each inquiry, placed in a three-ring binder and returned promptly. This new campaign was funded half and half by the counties of WCIEDD and the Indiana Department of Commerce.

The WCIEDD staff also continued to attend state sponsored marketing visits. This year, Hoosier Hospitality Days and Investindiana were held during the same week of September 30 through October 4, 1986. Over 100 business representatives and business consultants had an opportunity to visit with WCIEDD staff and learn more about west central Indiana.

EDA Staff Attend Conference

This years' EDA Annual Conference was cosponsored by the Chicago Regional Office, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Center for Urban Economic Development, the University of Illinois at Chicago.

We all see the headlines; we all know local stories illustrating them. We painfully realize that we cannot merely shrug or sigh, and go about our business, these headlines are our business. Because they can seem overwhelming we need to take time out occasionally to reflect on their collective implications for our work. What really is happening to the Midwest economy? Does high-tech really live up to its promise? How can agriculture survive its current crisis?

At the annual meeting of EDA-funded planning agencies, these questions were explored with the assistance of a distinguished panel of experts.

It is now our task as a planning agency to incorporate this discussion into our OEPD and to work to plan for the 1986 funding cycle.

A multi-staged project is planned to replace the Wabash River bridge.

Wabash River Bridge To Be Replaced

The Wabash River Bridge is scheduled to be replaced. The multi-staged project will take place over a five year period. The first stage is for preliminary engineering in F.Y. 1986, right of way and land acquisition comprise the second stage scheduled for F.Y. 1987, and construction is slated to begin in F.Y. 1988.

Several concepts have been proposed for the construction techniques. One concept calls for two seperate bridges; one for each direction of travel. Using this concept, First Street will be reopened and the present funnel curve on the east side will be eliminated. Instead, Cherry Street and Ohio Blvd. will have a straight section connecting to their seperate bridges heading west into West Terre Haute (Cherry Street) and east into Terre Haute (Ohio Blvd.). The two bridges will meet forming a V-connection to U.S. 40 on the west side of the river.

7th Street Project Progressing

The South 7th Street Project initiated by Vigo County is presently under construction. The construction calls for the replacement of pavement, and widening of 7th Street from Davis Avenue to U.S. 41. The widening of this section of the street will improve travel time and will aid the need for vehicles making turns into Regional Hospital and South Vigo High School. Construction started this past summer and is scheduled to be completed in August of 1986.

In addition, a study being conducted by the Indiana Department of Highways to determine the need for traffic signals at the entrances of Regional Hospital and South Vigo High School on 7th Street is underway. This project is included in the F.Y. 1985-1987 Transportation Improvement Program.

Street Improvements Scheduled

The Transportation Improvement Program for F.Y. 1986-1988 was formally approved in October of 1985 by the Indiana Department of Highways, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Policy and Technical Committee of WCIEDD.

The TIP covers all highway improvements that are programmed for the three year period. The TIP also informs the public of these scheduled events. In the F.Y. 1986-1988 TIP, thirteen projects are initiated by I.D.O.H., including the proposed reconstruction of a new bridge spanning the Wabash River; one project initiated by Vigo County; and seventeen projects initiated by the City of Terre Haute. Of the city projects, thirteen consist of rail-highway improvements. The remaining four are street projects.

One street project programmed for construction in F.Y. 1987 is the city/state initiated Fruitridge Avenue/Blakely Street project. This project calls for the replacement of pavement from 400' north of Fort Harrison Road on Fruitridge to U.S. 40. U.S. 40 will be widened from its present four lanes to five where Blakely meets with U.S. 40. It will be five lanes from 36th Street to just east of the Milwaukee Road railroad bridge. There will also be intersection modifications at Blakely to improve the turning radius. New signals will also be installed.

5th Annual Traffic Study Completed

The C.Y. 1984 Traffic Accident Study and Summary Listing for the Terre Haute urbanized area was completed by the WCIEDD Transportation staff this year.

The completion of the fifth annual study has provided a substantial data base for the Transportation staff to use in determining the trends of accident characteristics and the locations involved. Those intersections which have become statistically significant accident locations over the past five years will be looked at and analyzed for possible improvements.

Accident reports were obtained from the Indiana State Police, The Indiana State University Police, the Terre Haute City Police Department, the Vigo County Sheriff's Department, and the West Terre Haute Police Department.

Accident information such as the time, date, location, weather conditions, and contributing factors are outlined in the study. This information combined with the Transportation Systems Management with Annual Element will be utilized as support for future transportation improvement projects.

Various law enforcement agencies along with the city, county, and state engineers will receive copies of the study.

Data gathering for calendar year 1985 is well underway and the sixth annual Traffic Accident Study will be ready for distribution in the Spring of 1986.

Transfer Center

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The July 1st opening ceremonies were attended by officials at both the local and State level, representatives of WCIEDD, and the members of the Transit Utility's Citizens Committee. The Tranfer Center was open for business the next day.

The new transfer system has eliminated several of the negative aspects of the old system such as patrons crossing busy streets and having to find shelter while waiting during inclement weather. The added amenities of the Wabash Avenue Bus Transfer Center make the new location a much needed improvement.

New Service for Vigo Co. Handicapped

WCIEDD has been instrumental in providing a new transportation service for wheelchair-bound, handicapped persons. Yellow Paratransit, Inc. contracted with the Terre Haute Transit Utility to provide public transportation service for wheelchair-bound persons in the urbanized area of Terre Haute. Liaison activities between the Transit Utility, Yellow Paratransit and local service agencies were handled by the WCIEDD staff.

Federal legislation requires that the Transit Utility provide transportation, comparable to its regular service, to handicapped persons. This service will provide curb-to-curb transportation for the cost of regular bus fare. The hours of operation are the same as the operational hours of the city bus.

A lift-equipped van is used to provide the needed rides on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. Room for three wheelchair-bound persons and three traveling companions is available. Safety precautions have been taken to insure the well-being of persons transported by the system.

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Department of Transportation are encouraging their grantees to work toward forming public/private partnerships. This handicapped service is combining the best of both the public and private transportation providers while serving persons who would not normally be served by public transportation. Service began November 1, 1985.

Volume Count Shows Traffic Flow

One of the ongoing duties of the transportation staff is traffic volume counting. The staff annually monitors the existing traffic volumes within the urbanized area and summarizes relevant information for use in the Transportation Systems Management studies, Transportation Improvement Program preperation, and long-range element refinement. The staff also provides volume counting information for area businesses wanting to determine prime business locations.

Transportation Staff Changes

The Transportation Department has been enhanced with the addition of two highway planners.

In February of 1985, the Transportation staff acquired William W. Krick. Krick has an extensive background in transportation with hands-on experience in civil engineering practices. He is a graduate of Indiana State University with a B.S. degree in Urban-Regional Studies. He specialized in geography and economics. After graduation, Krick was employed for two construction seasons as an engineer's assistant with the Illinois Department of Transportation. There he had extensive training in civil engineering. Krick served as an intern at WCIEDD in the Transit Department in January of 1983.

Recently, Scott Walker joined the staff of WCIEDD. Walker was hired full-time in September of 1985. He is a graduate of Indiana State University with a B.S. degree in geography. He served as an intern with WCIEDD in the Transit Department and also assisted the highway staff.

Welcome aboard, Bill and Scott!

Transportation Staff Offer Solutions

The F.Y. 1986-1988 Transportation Systems Management with Annual Element was formally approved by the Technical and Policy Committee of WCIEDD in October of 1985.

The TSM is a process that emphasizes short-term, low capital solutions to transportation problems and achieving a more effective and efficient use of existing transportation facilities. The TSM, emphasizes highway and transit projects which can be implemented within a one to five year time frame.

The TSM, provides a comprehensive framework from which local agencies and decision makers can effectively address community transportation problems. It also supplies an annual review of the overall transportation network, its resources and its needs. The TSM is also used as a basis for support of proposed highway and transit projects.

Terre Haute Buses Recieve Grant

WCIEDD Transportation staff received notice that a $775,323 grant, applied for on behalf of the Terre Haute Transit Utility, was approved. This application, for operating assistance funds, was made to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

The grant application calls for $385,613 from UMTA as the federal share of the total project. The State of Indiana will match this amount with $259,807 and the City of Terre Haute will contribute $129,903. This amount of funding helps to off-set the deficit incurred in operating the local bus.

Congressman John T. Myers assisted in obtaining information on the status of the grant application. Approval of the application helps to assure that the local Transit Utility will have the necessary funds to operate.

Terre Haute Bus Routes To Change

Several route changes are in the planning stages for the local bus system. WCIEDD, responding to the reduction in Federal and State operating funds, has proposed several needed changes. Two routes are scheduled to be changed from ½ hourly to hourly service. Unproductive segments of bus routes are being examined to determine how their elimination would effect citizens of the area. Starting operations at the Transit Utility ½ hour later has also been proposed.

The transportation staff worked in conjunction with the ATE Management and Consulting firm during their on-site evaluation of the local system. As part of a state-wide project, ATE examined the city bus system to help local officials determine the best course to take. ATE's findings, as well as WCIEDD's, will be presented to the public at a public hearing on December 10.

A consolidation of service, approximately 25%, will be proposed at the upcoming public hearing. Persons in attendance will have an opportunity to voice their opinions and participate in the planning processes of the Terre Haute Transit Utility.

Agency on Aging
1985 In Review

Area Agency Advocates For Elderly

The Area Agency on Aging undertook several advocacy efforts during 1985.

One effort was to inform senior citizens of a public utility rate hearing held in Terre Haute. Over 300 people were present at the hearing and 75% to 80% of them were older people notified of the hearing through the agency's efforts. *Edna Fulk, Aging Programs director, testified on behalf of the elderly.*

Several events were held throughout the year to inform the elderly and others of issues.

The agency sponsored a bus trip to Indianapolis to see the state legislature in action. Eighty individuals participated in the trip.

Approximately eighty people attended an information session on Sept. 24 sponsored by the agency about the newly formed Adult Protective Services program enacted into law during the last Indiana General Assembly. Mr. Ron West with the local Adult Protective Services unit through the Vigo County Prosecutor's office and Mr. David Wright with the Indiana Department on Aging and Community Services were present to explain how the program was formed to protect adults in situations of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

On April 25 the agency sponsored an Alzheimer's Disease workshop. Mark Laker of the State Board of Health spoke to 150 people about the disease and current therapies being used to treat it.

An information session was held this fall on the living will, adult protective services and the Medicare DRG system with more than 200 older adults in attendance.

The agency staff assisted Sen. William Proxmire in gathering information on the affects of Medicare DRGs in our area.

The agency staff have represented the interests and needs of senior citizens on several groups including the Heart Association Hypertension Prevention Committee, the Vigo County Schools Home Economics Advisory Committee, the Public Accomodations Committee and the Vigo County Agency Cooperative.

The agency has worked with staff at Union Hospital to provide in-service training for medical staff and clergy and also presentations for the public.

Legal Services Assist Elderly

The Senior Legal Services Project provided 1,700 units of legal assistance to approximately 450 seniors. *Sandra Auler, paralegal and project coordinator,* said, "The majority of the cases involved consumer problems." Other areas of legal assistance provided by the Project are: Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, food stamps, township trustee assistance, landlord-tenant and other housing problems, and real estate law.

Some significant cases handled by the Project included the initiation of litigation against a client's daughter for conversion of funds; a case involving a widow's denial of her husband's railroad benefits; and a change of guardianship for a client who's guardian was not paying his medical bills and in turn was being denied medical treatment until the bills were paid.

The Senior Legal Services Project provides legal assistance to residents of Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties, who are aged 60 and older. Auler stated that the Project targets, and makes a priority, the legal needs of the vulnerable elderly and those who cannot afford legal services. In addition to legal assistance, Auler also provides community legal education in the form of workshops and lectures at various senior centers, dining sites, community centers and churches in the six county area.

This year, several workshops were conducted at senior centers and dining sites concerning the new Living Will legislation. General information sessions were held with the Parke County Women's Club, WBOW's Newsline, Legal Assistants and Paralegal classes at St. Mary of the Woods College as well as senior centers and dining sites. Auler also gave combined lectures on the Living Will, Wills and Estates and Power of Attorney to the gerontology classes of St. Mary of the Woods College.

Information and Referral Helps Seniors Find Services

The Information and Referral Program informs senior citizens of services that can help them.

The Program operates the 60 Plus Help Line, a telephone line for the elderly, their families, and others to call for assistance and information. The program served 2,885 people during 1985. Five per cent of the callers lived in Clay County, three per cent were from Parke, four per cent from Putnam, twelve per cent from Sullivan, ten per cent from Vermillion and 66 per cent from Vigo County.

Calls ranged from simple information calls such as inquiries for phone numbers to serious problems such as the need for financial assistance. "One of the more serious situations we dealt with concerned an individual over 80 years of age who wasn't able to get in and out of a chair well, wasn't eating, wasn't cleaning, was living in substandard housing, had no family, no money, and needed help bathing," said Miriam Nowak, Information and Referral Program Coordinator. "We were able to link this person with services such as homebound meals, homemaker, and Section 8 Housing through the Case Management Program".

The Information and Referral Program continued to publish and distribute "Information Please!" directories for each county. These directories, printed in large type, list services available to senior citizens.

Also, through a cooperative arrangement with the Terre Haute Tribune-Star newspaper, the "Grapevine" newsletter for senior citizens evolved into a new monthly publication titled "O.L.D.E.R. Living", reaching more than 40,000 people with information pertinent to senior citizens.

"The services available to the elderly do no good unless the people who need them know about them," commented Nowak. "That's why we're here; to help people find the services they need."

Agency Growth

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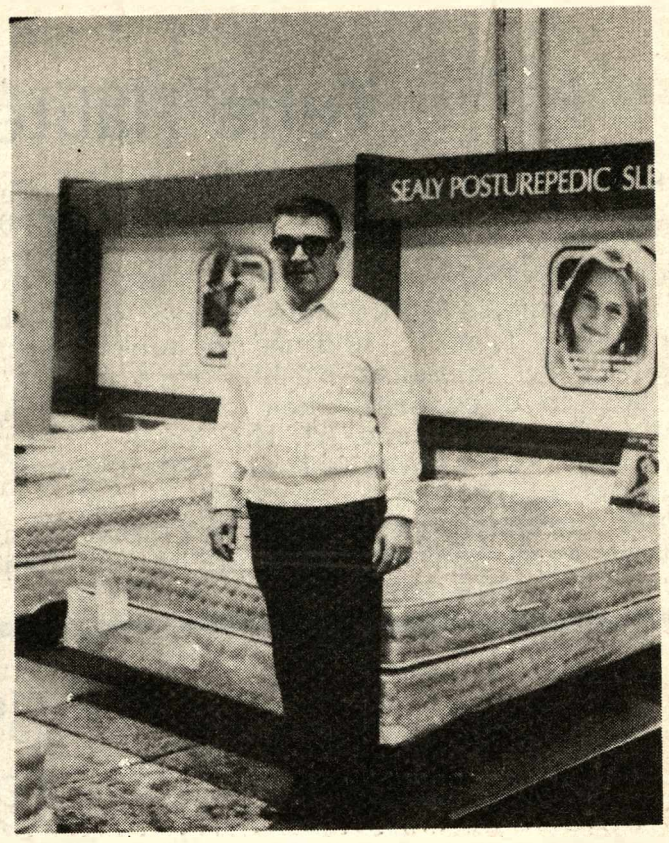
The members of the Clinton Senior Center are raising money to put an addition on their building. The center has been holding yard sales, bake sales, a Christmas bazaar and continual crafts sales at the center in an effort to raise funds. In addition, the center prepared Christmas dinners for various clubs in the community. The center has coffee during the week for community businessmen with the proceeds going to the center. The center is also accepting donations from private individuals for their building fund.



The Older Worker Employment Program helped salesman Herman Frigo obtain his position with Corner Furniture Store.

Putting Older Workers Back to Work

WCIEDD offers two employment programs, Title V and the Older Worker Employment Program (OWEP), to help people 55 years of age and older find employment.

Title V places income eligible persons in not-for-profit organizations and agencies. The enrollee averages 20 hours of work per week. Salaries are paid by WCIEDD. The goal of the Title V program is to make the enrollee more employable through their work experience on Title V. It is hoped that the host agency will put the Title V enrollee on their payroll or give them training to help them with other employers. Over the past year, the Title V program has served 24 persons. Currently, 16 persons are enrolled in the program. The program serves Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties.

The Older Worker Employment Program is part of the federal Job Training Partnership Act. The program places workers in positions suited to their skills and interests. Income eligible persons are enrolled in Job Club. Job Club is a program that helps them participate in job seeking skills and job referrals. OWEP helps the person find a job in which the employer pays their salary. Eligibility is determined through an interview session with the Intake/Processing Clerk. OWEP has placed nine eligible persons in jobs this past year.

OWEP is also a service for prospective employers. Interested employers contact the agency concerning positions they are trying to fill. The agency then refers pre-screened individuals to the employer for their consideration. The placement services of the OWEP cost nothing to the prospective employers and they do not have to go through the process of locating potential candidates for positions. In addition, the employers are not obligated to hire the referred individual.

Homebound Services Keep People Home

The basic objective of West Central Homebound Services is to enable homebound senior citizens and those disabled under 60 remain in their own homes and enhance the quality of their living conditions.

During 1985, more than 269 hours of homemaker service and 75 hours of handyperson service were available on a weekly basis by the Area 7 Agency on Aging's eleven homemakers and five handypersons.

The Homemaker Program provides services to clients who are unable to perform household chores on their own. Services include general housekeeping, laundry, and errand services.

The handyperson service consists of minor home repairs, heavy tasks and preventative maintenance of the home and grounds to maintain safe and sanitary conditions.

Area Agency Assists Elderly With SAFE

The West Central Programs on Aging assist people 60 years of age and older and those disabled under 60 apply for Project SAFE.

Project SAFE is a low-income energy assistance program. Persons who are eligible for SAFE receive credit toward their heating bills during the winter months. Each household must meet income guidelines established by the State.

This year, utility vendors have the option of applying the full amount of assistance at once or carry it over from month to month until it is used. Although the Area 7 Agency on Aging does not receive the funding for SAFE, it does assist in the application process.

SAFE runs from September 16 through March 15, however, the agency receives inquiries year round. Outreach workers from West Central are available to assist homebound seniors and those under 60 who are disabled.

Dora Mae Fisher of Shelburn was crowned the Area 7 Senior Queen on May 24 at the Area Day senior citizens picnic. 1984 queen Madge Scobell pins her sash.

Case Management Links Elderly to Services

The Case Management Program is a prerequisite to all Social Service Block Grant funded programs.

Laura Dever, Case Management Coordinator, stated, "The program is available to all persons over the age of 60 that fall below 150% of the poverty guidelines." The purpose of the Case Management Program is to insure that identified needs have been met as well as locating recipients and evaluating their needs.

The program also conducts appropriate follow-up activities to insure that needs have been met. It assists in overcoming barriers that may prevent a client from receiving needed services.

The program has undergone changes this year. The Case Management Escort is a newly added component. This allows the case managers to transport functionally impaired clients for the purpose of securing essential medical or community services which the client may not have access without case manager intervention. However, the case managers are limited in the amount of escort service that they may provide. The goal is to find other means of transportation if possible.

The staff has also been involved with the new Adult Protective Services legislation. Beginning September 1, 1985, a law was passed in Indiana making prosecutors' offices the responsible agencies in dealing with adult abuse cases. Our case managers are assisting the prosecutor's office in mutual cases as a support system in setting up services for these clients.

Nine case managers and one coordinator work with the program to serve Area 7. In 1985, approximately 2,100 senior citizens were provided with services through 12,960 staff hours.

Pre-Admission Screening Program Sees Clients

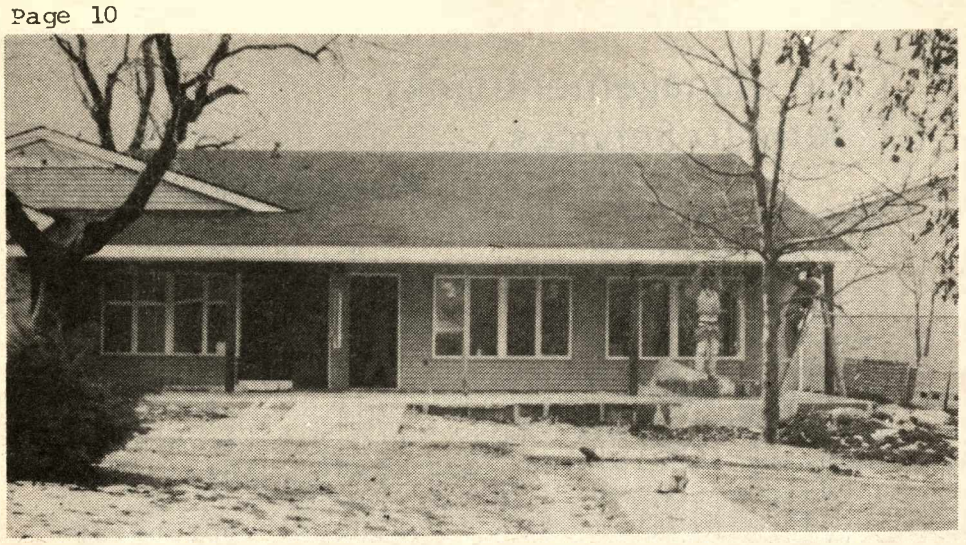
The Nursing Home Pre-Admission Screening Program (PAS) was initiated as Public Law #21 through the State legislature in May of 1983. Since then, PAS procedures have been updated to further improve the process.

A multidisciplinary team, consisting of an Area Agency on Aging representative, the applicant's physician, and possibly a case manager or a developmental disability specialist, initiates a complete assessment of the client's needs. The team then determines the appropriateness of each client's placement in a nursing facility based upon a comprehensive assessment. An important consideration when issuing a team recommendation involves reviewing the availability of community services within certain cost considerations.

The Area Agency representative functions as the team coordinator and assumes the majority of the assessment responsibilities.

Karen Mitchell became the PAS Coordinator in July of 1985. She, along with five part-time outreach workers, complete assessments and make recommendations within an allotted time frame.

Approximately 100 assessments are completed per month. Referrals are initiated in all six counties served by the Area Agency on Aging.



The McMillan Adult Day Care Center will move into their enlarged building early in 1986.

Day Care Center Gets Building Addition

The McMillan Adult Day Care Center has served as an alternative to nursing home placement since September of 1965. The Center provided service to 48 individuals aged 60 to 95 during the fiscal 1985 contract year.

Margaret Scott, center director, said clients were busy participating in a wide variety of activities including community service projects.

McMillan participants have made rag dolls for the Union Hospital Pediatrics Department and tray favors for two holidays this year. Scott said they also crocheted 22 baby afghans for the Vigo County School Corporation's Teenage Parenting classes. The clients have helped to raise money to support the Center's programs by making and selling crafts at three sales and in the Center's craft shop. In addition, the Center benefits from the donation of money, supplies, and volunteer hours from people in the community.

Scott, a registered nurse, is assisted by Modestine Guy and a staff of five. The Center offers skilled nursing supervision and various other programs to disabled seniors living alone or with their families.

Scott said that students from St. Mary of the Woods College, Indiana State University, and Indiana Vocational Technical College have also spent time working with the staff.

Attendance averages 22 persons a day. The Center has a waiting list of prospective clients needing the service.

The McMillan Adult Day Care Center is funded by a Social Service Block Grant. Matching funds are provided by the Vigo County Commissioners.

Construction began November 13, 1985 on a building addition. $60,000 in funding for this addition was appropriated to the Terre Haute Housing Authority, who owns the building, in the Center's name by a local foundation that wishes to remain anonymous. The Housing Authority granted the Center a 99 year lease on the building and is also contributing funds to remodel the existing structure.

During the construction phase, the Center operations have moved to the meeting room facilities of Great Scot Supermarket at Eleventh and Locust Streets in Terre Haute.

Scott has participated in the Indiana Department of Aging and Community Services and State Board of Health Task Force establishing standards for Adult Day Care. The group meets monthly in Indianapolis.

Clients attended the Covered Bridge Festival in October.

The annual Center Thanksgiving Dinner for clients and families was attended by 58 persons.

FM Radios Improve SCATS Van Service

The past year has seen a very significant change in the delivery of the Senior Citizens Transportation Service in Clay, Parke, Vermillion and Vigo counties. Improved communication between the transportation coordinators and the van drivers via the implementation of F.M. and citizens band radio systems has become a tremendous asset to the safety and well-being of the passengers. In the case of an emergency or accident, the van drivers can be in immediate contact with the transportation coordinator, who can in turn contact the law enforcement agencies, ambulance service, towing service, other drivers, etc. This can be particularly critical when the van is in the rural areas of Vigo County and the fringe areas of Vermillion, Parke and Clay counties.

The Clay County Senior Center has a citizens band radio system and a citizens band radio installed in the van. Although there are limitations associated with citizens band radio systems, it does decrease the amount of time in which the driver can be in immediate contact with the transportation coordinator.

The transportation system has also been made more efficient with the introduction of the F.M. systems. Riders can now call when they are ready to return home from the doctor, hospital, etc. and the driver can be contacted. This eliminates a somewhat lengthy wait for those who finish with their appointments earlier that anticipated. Also, since the drivers are able to monitor communication to other drivers, there has been increased cooperation between busy drivers and those not so busy. The end result is a much safer and efficient transportation system.

The Senior Centers in Clinton, Glenn and Shelburn continue to provide a valuable service to seniors in their respective areas. All three centers appear to be bursting at the seams. The interest and participation in the centers has increased to the point where all three centers could feasibly utilize expanded facilities if funds were available. The Clinton Senior Center has initiated a building fund drive for expanding their center. Hopefully, they will be able to start construction in 1986. The Glenn Senior Center has lowered their ceilings to help keep energy costs down. They have also adopted some energy conservation measures such as weatherstripping and caulking to further reduce their energy consumption and create a more comfortable environment. The Shelburn Senior Center has also been remodeling in the past year. They have turned a spare room into a lounge with the addition of carpeting, sofas and chairs. They have created a room conducive to reading, craft making, etc. The Center Directors at these three centers are to be applauded for their efforts in creating a more inviting atmosphere in which seniors can congregate.

Friendly Visitor director Barbara Ater visits with William Smith and Noma Meneely.

Friendly Visitors Treat Loneliness

Social isolation and the sense of uselessness are ongoing problems adversely affecting the quality of life of our elderly.

The Friendly Visitor Program, based on community outreach, addresses these problems by providing a sustained support system to the frail, isolated, and homebound elderly in a multitude of settings. A "home visitor" is trained to have a sharp eye and a listening ear; to offer calm words of assurance; and to contact significant others for meeting client needs. Unhurried medical transportation is also provided for the frail, as well as occasional trips to the grocery store and pharmacy on a limited basis. A minimum of one hour per week of kindness, gentleness and patience is expected of volunteers and senior outreach workers per "friend."

The program was able to expand from Vigo County into Clay County due to a supplemental grant from the Area 7 Agency on Aging. The program saw 72 people in Vigo County and 40 in Clay County during 1985.

One of the hallmarks of 20th Century America is the two-income family, creating new lifestyles and less time for volunteerism. The program addresses this unique problem by training low-income seniors in outreach work. This provides socially useful part-time employment for persons 55 years and older, especially the displaced homemaker and isolated elderly to avoid, or at least delay, the need for institutional care.

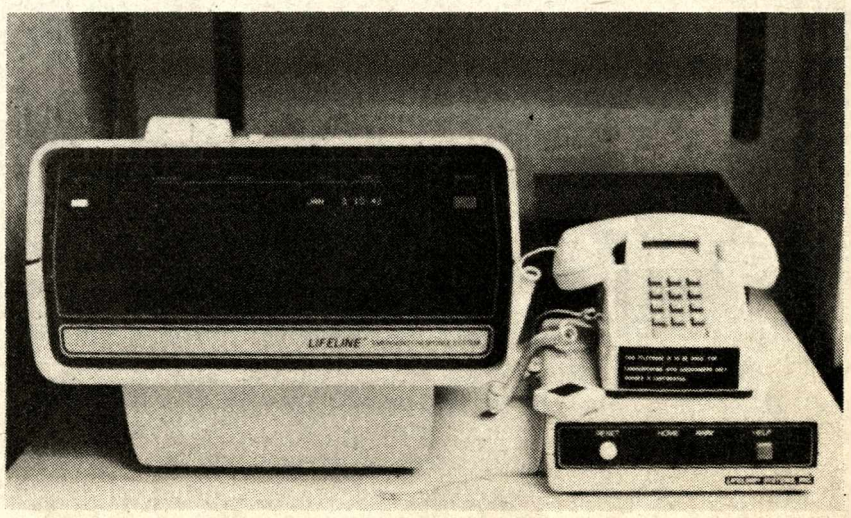
Vans Take Seniors Where They Need To Go

Transportation for Putnam and Sullivan County senior citizens is available through the local senior centers. Vans take people sixty and older on trips to doctor's offices, grocery stores, pharmacies, shopping centers, dining sites and other places they need to go. Riders contribute towards the cost of the vans.

The Putnam County Senior Center was able to purchase a new Ford van during 1985 with public and private contributions and a supplemental Title IIIB grant. "The van is busier than ever," said Hubert Clodfelter, Putnam County Council president. Clodfelter said there has been a marked increase in ridership and noted that van driver Fred Bishop "goes way beyond the call of duty" in transporting the elderly.

The northern portion of Sullivan County is served by the Sullivan Senior Center. Center director Katherine Burns says that she has seen "a huge jump in ridership due t word of mouth and advertising about services" offered through the center. She looks for an increase in ridership because the senior center is close to elderly housing in Sullivan.

The Dugger Senior Center serves the southern half of Sullivan County. "The van is a very vital part of the county," said Delores Barnett, center director. "Sullivan County doesn't have cabs or bus service." Sullivan County has the largest population of senior citizens in the six county area.



Vermillion County Hospital serves frail older adults through the Emergency Care Service home monitor.

New Service for Frail in Parke and Vermillion Cos.

Vermillion County Hospital was awarded a $7,000 Older Americans Act grant for the initiation of the Emergency Care Service.

The Emergency Care Service gives clients or subscribers 24-hour-a-day assurance that medical and other help is only the push of a button away.

For a monthly rental fee (based on income and financial ability to pay), subscribers can rent a device which attaches to the home telephone and is linked to a special base unit in the hospital's Emergency Room. Subscribers, if ill or in other peril, activate the system by means of a portable push button call box that can be carried in a pocket, worn as a necklace, clipped to the clothing, or by means of a button on the telephone sender unit. Trained personnel then notify a designated "responder", usually a neighbor, friend or relative, to check on the subscriber.

Kathy Murer, director of patient support services, said that the system "has kept at least two people out of the nursing home. Another gentleman had been in and out of the hospital several times and suffered from anxiety which only worsened his health conditions. The system has provided him with a sense of security. His anxiety has lessened, his health conditions have improved as a result and he hasn't been back in the hospital since."

The Vermillion County Hospital Emergency Care Service has 23 units and currently 20 subscribers. Additional funding from WCIEDD may allow them to purchase seven more units in 1986.

Forty to sixty people gather each day at the Maryvale dining site for lunch.

Nutrition Program Grows in 1985

The West Central Indiana Nutrition Program for the Elderly provided more than 1,800 meals daily. Of these, more than 700 were home delivered meals.

The Program was challenged by a year of growth and changes. Canteen Food and Vending Services was awarded the 1985 food contract. The Program faced an increasing need for home delivered meals, influenced by the new Medicare DRG System, and an increase in particip-ation at the congregate sites. Supplemental funds and increased contributions allowed the Program to expand. To accommodate these increases, an additional home delivery route was added to cover rural Vigo County needs and two new congregate sites were opened at St. Mary of the Woods and Cory. Thus, 35 nutrition dining sites were maintained throughout the six county area in the past year.

Not only did the Program observe the holidays with special menus, the Program also hosted quarterly specials including a Welcome Canteen Day in January; Nutrition Awareness Day in March; Area Day in May; Site Picnics in August; and Circus Day in September. Holiday brunches were served on days prior to Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. All were well received by the participants. Also, needy participants received a box lunch for use during the holidays when the sites were closed. In November, the Program hosted a special day in appreciation of our volunteers.

Quarterly trainings for the Nutrition Site Directors were held during the year. Topics included: covering nutritional needs of the elderly, adult abuse, handling volunteers, and osteoporosis.

The Program worked cooperatively during the year with the Community Action Programs of Covington, Terre Haute, and Vincennes in distributing the U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities to the senior citizens on our programs.

In November, 2,500 emergency meal boxes were assembled by volunteers and staff. Each box contains enough food for five meals and is intended as a reserve food supply for Nutrition Program participants during the winter.

Stay Well Clinics Promote Health

The Wabash Valley Human Services Senior Health Screening Program was initiated in 1974 as a result of community needs assessment meetings. The program was developed to address the concern over the rising costs of health care and its effects on the elderly. "Stay Well Clinics" are provided for seniors at various locations throughout Sullivan County. Seniors are screened for high blood pressure, diabetes, vision problems, weight abnormalitites, glaucoma, oral cancer and other medical disorders common among senior citizens. From January of 1985 through December of 1985, 3,113 screenings were performed, with 679 referrals made to appropriate professionals. Of those screened, 555 were new clients.

"Stay Well Clinics" are conducted by two registered nurses and volunteer medical professionals at eight sites in Sullivan County. They are the senior centers in Sullivan, Dugger and Shelburn; nutrition dining sites at Carlisle, Merom, Farmersburg, and Hymera, and Sunrise Towers in Sullivan. By providing these services locally, the inconvenience of travel for seniors is eliminated.

Ann Woods, health and community service director, said,"We really appreciate the support from Sullivan County. They deserve a lot of praise."

The sponsorship of glaucoma screenings by local civic groups is one example of community support for the program. Professional services for the yearly screenings are directed by the Indiana University School of Optometry under the supervision of Dr. Richard Meetz.

Local donations are also an important source of support. Additional community support is provided through oral cancer screenings conducted by local dentists. Funding for the entire program is provided by the Indiana State Board of Health and the Area 7 Agency on Aging.

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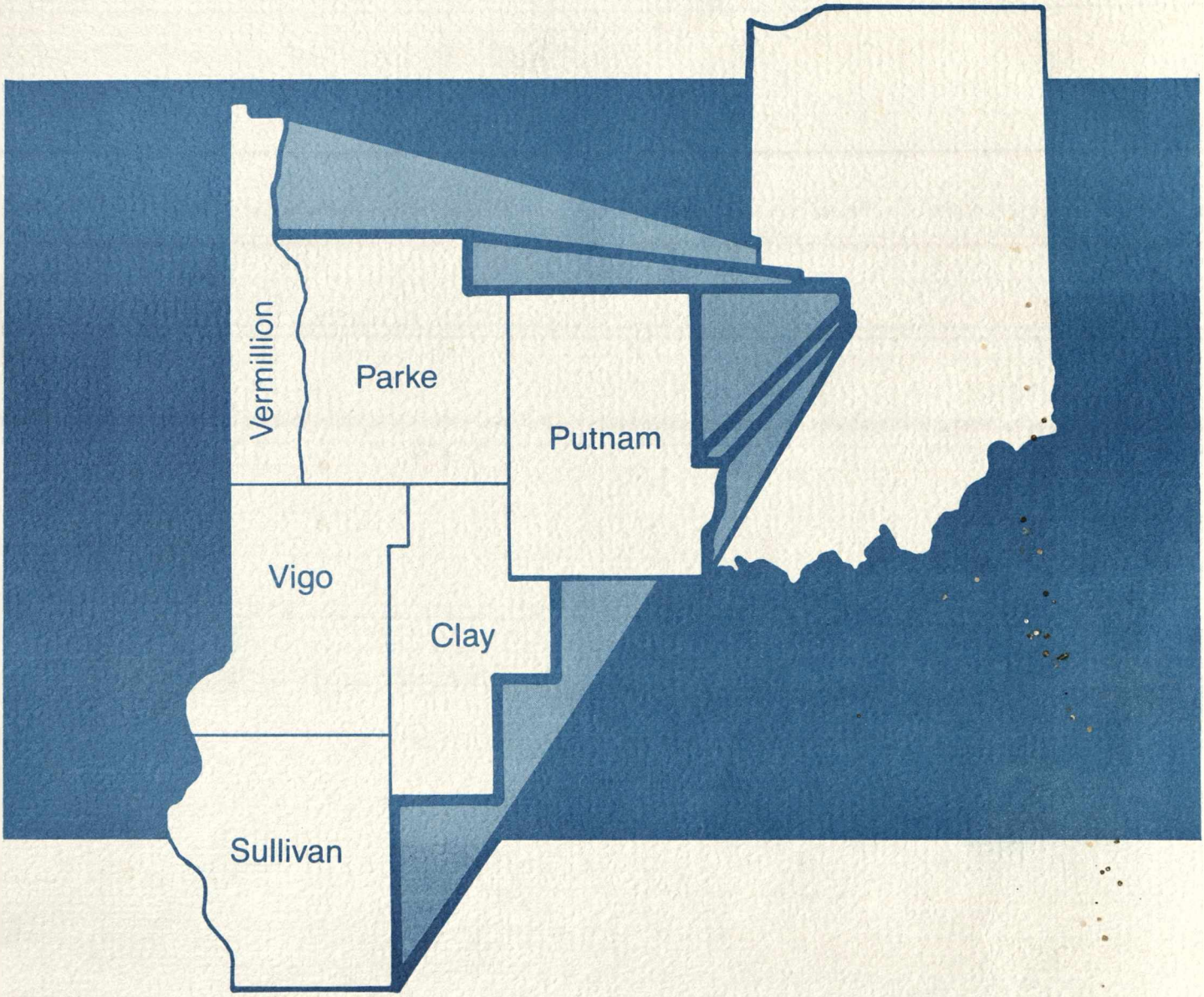

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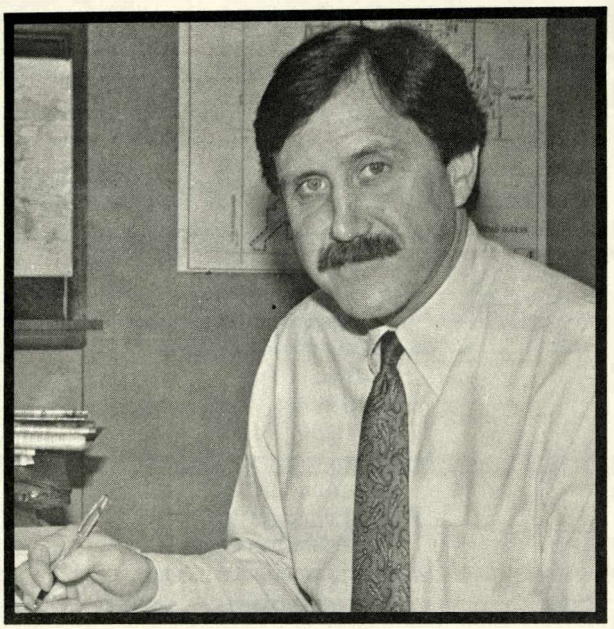


FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1988 marked twenty years of service for the West Central Indiana Economic Development District--the first economic development district to be formed in the state of Indiana.

Our twentieth year saw the development of significant new projects in the areas of economic development, transportation planning, and the programs on aging.

In economic development, WCIEDD was named program manager of a new pilot program designed to provide manufacturing technology assistance to area manufacturers.

The Manufacturing Technology Services Program has been funded by the Indiana Corporation for Science and Technology, and has enabled WCIEDD to hire Barbara Parson to be director of that service. (See related story.)

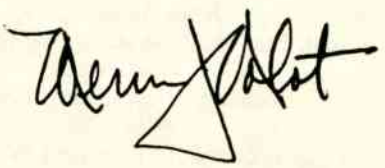
In addition, all economic development staff have completed varied levels of continuing education at the Economic Development Institute of the University of Oklahoma.

Transportation planning staff began a long-range transportation plan for the Terre Haute urbanized area in July of 1988. They have been actively soliciting suggestions from local leaders to make the plan fit the needs of the city well into the 21st century.

Edna Fulk, director of the aging programs, explains growth of the aging programs later in this report.

Our agency has continued to expand upon our base of personal computers to provide state of the art technology in the administration of District programs.

We look forward to continued growth in 1989 and hope we can successfully build upon our twenty year history.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF WCIEDD

The West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. (WCIEDD) was organized under Public Law 89-136, the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, and by executive order of the Governor of Indiana in April of 1968.

In 1969, WCIEDD was designated an "Economic Development District" by the U.S. Department of Commerce whose purpose is to stimulate economic development and growth through multi-county efforts.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development named WCIEDD a "Comprehensive Planning Agency" in 1972. That same year, the agency was appointed by the Governor as the areawide clearinghouse for compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95, since renamed Executive Order 12372.

At this time, WCIEDD's area was Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties. Putnam County was added to the service area in 1974.

Also in 1974, WCIEDD was designated as the Area 7 Agency on Aging which expanded services to senior citizens.

WCIEDD was named both the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning in the urbanized area of Terre Haute and the Water Quality Management Planning Agency for Environmental Protection Agency section 208 programs in 1975. The district's association with the EPA ended in 1980.

The district is governed by a board of directors consisting of six representatives from each of the area's counties. Two- thirds of the board's members are elected officials, with the other one-third representing the counties' private citizen planning committees or economic development committees.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR NAMED FOR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY SERVICE

Barbara Parson of Terre Haute has been named director of the newly formed West Central Indiana Manufacturing Technology Services program.

The program, managed by WCIEDD and funded by the Indiana Corporation for Science and Technology, is designed to provide technical assistance to west central Indiana's manufacturers.

"Right now, because technology is expanding so rapidly, it's difficult for even large companies with dedicated resources to stay on top of technological changes. For a small to medium size manufacturer, I see it to be near impossible," said Parson.

WCIMTS will target small to medium manufacturers in an effort to help them grow and keep their base of employment in Indiana.

WCIMTS is one of four pilot sites selected to receive start-up funding from ICST. Other sites will be located in Columbus, Fort Wayne, and the Gary-Hammond area.

Parson's experience with such industries as OlMarc Packaging, Pillsbury, J.I. Case, and Anaconda Aluminum gives her a broad knowledge of a manufacturer's technological needs.

A native of Freehold, New Jersey, Parson attended Seton Hall University as a chemistry major for two years and pursued a degree in Industrial Technology at Indiana State University.

Merv Nolot, executive director of WCIEDD, said Parson's fifteen years of hands-on experience in manufacturing certainly qualify her for this position.

But he was most impressed with her "people skills" in addition to her experience.

"I could tell early on that she wasn't placed in any position because she was fulfilling a quota for females. She earned those positions," said Nolot.

Parson is building WCIMTS from the ground up.

While setting up an office is an immediate need, she said her first goal is to "introduce myself to the community and hit the ground running, letting them know the service exists."

"I want to open the door and listen to manufacturers. We need to find out where we are right now technologically," said Parson.

"One of the largest things I've come to see is the tremendous amount of resources available in the community that are not well publicized. I particularly see an outreaching of this areas excellent educational institutions," she said.

Barbara Parson is building the new Manufacturing Technology Service from the ground up.

She commends Jim Eifert, dean of faculty at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Clois Kicklighter, dean of technology at Indiana State University for their work in establishing these pilot projects. Both Eifert and Kicklighter sit on the manufacturing committee of the Indiana Corporation for Science and Technology.

William Foraker, director of Indiana State University's Technology Services and Merv Nolot of WCIEDD represent the area on CST's state management board.

"I have a well diversified and supportive local board. When interviewing for the job, the board impressed me as recognizing a real need for this type of service and being well prepared to support it," said Parson.

The program also enjoys local business support as evidenced by the donation of office space and furniture by Terre Haute First National Bank and the interest and enthusiasm of local business leaders.

Parson said, "There's a sincerity on the part of CST to make this thing work. Small and medium industry will be the future of Indiana."

This belief was echoed by Governor Evan Bayh during his State of the State Address when he expressed a desire to expand the current pilot MTS programs into a state-wide Indiana Manufacturing Excellence Extension Service.

SORE FEET AND SWEAT: SURVEYING THE SUMMER OF 88'

Community income surveys were completed by the economic development staff in 1988 during the intense Summer heat.

The purpose of these surveys is to determine if areas are eligible for grant funds through the Indiana Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant program.

The changing nature of the local economy has caused the 1980 U.S. Census data on income levels to be outdated. The surveys determine income thresholds and community eligibility for certain grants so needed public improvements can be provided to eligible areas within west central Indiana.

Community income surveys take three different forms: mail, telephone, and door to door.

Surveys were conducted door-to-door and by telephone in Bloomingdale, Carbon, Marshall, Perrysville, Russellville, Shelburn, Vigo County, Waveland and West Terre Haute.

When you hear WCIEDD staff knocking on your door, you'll know the purpose behind the knock.

If you are asked to participate please be tolerant, understanding and cooperative; the reason behind the survey is to provide public improvements to your community.

PROTECTION FROM FLOOD DISASTERS

WCIEDD continued to administer the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1988. Under this federal program, property owners may buy flood insurance at substantial savings if their communities carry out local floodplain management measures to protect lives and new construction from future flooding.

The NFIP Community Assistance Program consists of staff visits to several communities in the District. WCIEDD's role is evaluation and assistance to the local community in adoption, revision and enforcement of floodplain ordinances. The success of the NFIP is dependent on implementation of local floodplain management. Jurisdictions not complying can be dropped from the program.

Community assessment visits were made to:

Putnam County
Montezuma
Seelyville
Terre Haute
Vigo County

These visits included inspection of floodplain sites and discussion with the responsible local official of the management measures taken by the community.

The NFIP program will continue in 1989 with community assessment calls to Newport, and community assessment visits to Terre Haute and Vigo County.

The newsletter, a new activity in 1988 (see related story), will also be continued with two issues to be mailed to more than 200 local businesses and local government officials.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAFF BEGIN GRANT ADMINISTRATION

In 1988, WCIEDD economic development staff began submitting proposals for administrative contracts with communities participating in Economic Development Administration and Community Development Block Grant program projects.

Administrative duties under these programs involve various activities such as bookkeeping, labor standards monitoring, environmental review preparation, and overall contractor monitoring.

As a result of economic development staff efforts, the town of Bainbridge awarded WCIEDD a contract for $7,365.90 to administer the Community Development Block Grant it received for a sewer project.

Proposals will continue to be submitted, with several projects to be actively sought in 1989.

WATERMARKS IS A WINNER

Indiana Department of Natural Resources, began a program in 1988 to develop community awareness of the National Flood Insurance Program by funding a newsletter. WATERMARKS, WCIEDD's publication, was judged the best effort among other agencies in the state.

More than 200 businesses and local government officials in the District were reached by four issues of WATERMARKS. In addition to information about the National Flood Insurance Program, articles discussed floodplain management, open space alternatives, ordinances and elevation certificates required for building in a floodplain. Special features included a weather outlook, information on the hydrologic cycle, drought, and types of flooding. Definitions and a question and answer page were part of every issue.

The final issue added a page produced in cooperation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the Honey Creek Flood Control and Drainage Committee concerning the Honey Creek Watershed flood control project. The entire issue was mailed to approximately 1,000 property owners in the Honey Creek area of Vigo County, in addition to the District mailing list. The special edition explained the recommendations made by SCS and the Committee and arranged for meetings to begin the process of local flood control.

WATERMARKS will continue in 1989, with two issues planned. As a means of developing community awareness of the need for and benefits of flood control, the newsletter will continue basic information as well as feature articles. Questions and comments concerning floodplain management or the newsletter may be addressed to Jim Coffenberry at WCIEDD.

BUSINESS PLANNING KEY TO SUCCESS

In 1988 several business consulted with Economic Development staff at West Central concerning business plans. The staff has developed a format to help start-up and expanding businesses identify strengths, weaknesses, and goals. A business plan is an extremely useful tool for business, but it is under-utilized, mostly due to lack of understanding of its importance.

All of us can identify with the family vacation. Steps are taken to see that the mail is stopped, the hotel reservations are secured, the luggage is packed, and a road map or atlas consulted. The latter is essential to determine what path you will be traveling in order to reach your destination.

Ironically, most people put more thought into planning a vacation than into making one of the most important decisions of their lives - starting a small business.

Can you imagine a huge corporation such as Pfizer or Hercules embarking upon a new project without studying the factors that will make that project a success? Hardly. Unfortunately, literally hundreds of thousands of individuals in this country do exactly that every year. Too often, an individual will plunge into a business transaction without considering the ramifications of entering the unknown.

Without considering a marketing strategy, location factors, personnel factors, suppliers, inventory and so on, the individual will often invest thousands of dollars into his venture - only to see it go "belly-up" in less than two years.

A higher degree of sophisication in the business planning and management process in the early years of a business can pave the way to success in later years.

Consider a simple evaluation of the market that one might be considering competing in. The following questions should be asked in detail: What geographic area will the market cover? What are the characteristics of the population? What is the population of the market? What are the development plans of the community? How much money is being spent in the market area for the potential product or service? What are the major trends in the industry?

A thorough business plan will attempt to answer these questions and many more. Are you willing to work 12 to 16 hours a day to make your venture a success? How will prices be determined and by whom? Who will supply goods, materials, and services?

A business plan can be your key to obtaining financing. An entrepreneur who applies for financing with a detailed business plan to back up his application will have a far greater chance of success than the entrepreneur who applies with only his signature and a few figures to offer in the way of research. A business plan can also save someone from making the biggest mistake of his life. After assembling a complete business plan one may realize that perhaps the business wasn't such a great idea after all. Without question, a business plan will serve its purpose regardless of the final outcome.

The Economic Development staff of WCIEDD can offer insight into the business planning process. Please feel free to contact our office for more information on this "road map to success."

CONGRESS IN STEP WITH FUTURE

WCIEDD, in conjunction with the Indiana Economic Development Council (IEDC), sponsored the second biennial Regional Congress held March 17, 1988 at the Indiana Vocational Technical College in Terre Haute.

This congress was one of several held around the state. Each Congress gave local citizens a rare opportunity to offer input to state officials in such areas as education, infrastructure, technology transfer, and finance. A unique aspect of the Congress was that local participants could choose which particular area of discussion to be part of. "Group facilitators" were chosen in advance to moderate the discussions and to record the input of each participant. At the end of the day, each facilitator presented a short synopsis of the ideas from each session to the whole group of participants.

As a follow-up to the Regional Congresses, a State Congress was held in Indianapolis to further discuss the topics outlined at the regional level.

After all the input was received from Regional Congresses and analyzed, IEDC issued an updated version of its widely acclaimed document In Step with the Future: Indiana's Strategic Economic Development Plan. This work offers an unbiased assessment of Indiana's strengths and weakness in the areas of economic development strategy and implementation. It could be thought of as a road map for Indiana into the 21st century.

Copies of the Indiana Economic Development Council's publications may be obtained from: Indiana State Chamber of Commerce One N. Capitol, Suite 200 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2288 (317) 634-6407

GRANT SOLVES RUSSELLVILLE'S SEWAGE CRISIS

The town of Russellville was awarded $271,000 in the latest Indiana Department of Commerce Community Improvement Program grant cycle.

The grant will defray costs involved in the construction of a new sewer system mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The grant will be applied to construction of the Little Raccoon Regional Wastewater District. The overall project will total $5,454,500 and will provide service to the towns of Russellville and Waveland.

The Community Improvement Program is designed to fund projects that alleviate threats to health or safety, or that further economic entitlement funds for community development from the federal government.

A WCIEDD SALUTE TO INDUSTRY

WCIEDD, in its continuing efforts to promote industrial development and expansion, will organize and host an Industrial Appreciation Day in Hulman Center in Terre Haute. This event, to occur in mid-march of 1989, will bring together a wide variety of industrial firms from throughout WCIEDD's district.

Our economic development staff hopes to achieve several objectives at this event. The first is to express well-deserved appreciation for existing industry. Another goal is to develop and increase working relationships between WCIEDD, public officials, educators, and industry. The event is also intended to promote WCIEDD and the services we offer to area industries.

A wide variety of speakers are planned for a panel discussion. The speakers will be drawn from the Indiana Department of Commerce, the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, local economic development groups, and local educational institutions.

The format of the day offers a full agenda including displays set up by participating industries for viewing throughout the day. Panel discussions on industrial development and expansion will alternate with time to visit the displays. Participants, local officials and invited guests will enjoy lunch and a speech by Indiana's Secretary of State Larry Hogsett.

A media campaign will acquaint the public with the event and invite their attendance at the end of the day.

CHALLENGES MET IN SULLIVAN COUNTY

The Sullivan County communities of Farmersburg and Sullivan secured funding through the Indiana Department of Commerce (IDOC) Challenge Grant Program to assist with the renovation and replacement of community facilities.

The City of Sullivan renovated their city pool with the Challenge Grant which totalled $38,500. The money was used to supplement city funds in replacing the guttering and filtration system of the pool. The project will mean long summers of enjoyment for youth in the city of Sullivan for years to come.

In November the Town of Farmersburg was awarded a $36,000 Challenge Grant to replace their aging firehouse and community center. This project was a joint venture between the Town Board of Trustees and the Farmersburg Volunteer Fire and Safety Protection Association which provided all of the matching funds for the effort.

The Challenge Grant program was initiated in 1986 as a means to fund projects which might not otherwise be considered under other IDOC programs. The program is also meant to give smaller communities a better chance for securing funds for community improvement projects.

Communities interested in the Challenge Grant Program are welcome to contact the economic development staff at West Central for further details.

Steve Witt, Jim Coffenberry and David Weir head WCIEDD's economic development efforts.

WCIEDD RETURNS HOME TO CREATE JOBS

As nearly every Hoosier of voting age knows, Vice President Dan Quayle co-authored the Job Training Partnership Act with Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. Few people realize, however, that this law contains provisions for economic development marketing on the local level. The Western Indiana Private Industry Council has chosen to subcontract this task to various local organizations through Employment Generating Grants.

Local organizations receiving funds for services designed to attract additional jobs to WIPIC's five-county service area are: West Central Indiana Economic Development District, City of Terre Haute Redevelopment Department, The Alliance for Growth and Progress, The Greencastle Development Center, The Parke County Chamber of Commerce, The Clinton Industrial Development Corporation,and the Clay County Chamber of Commerce.

Each organization is responsible for spending its funds in a manner that will present west central Indiana in an attractive light to businesses and industries that may be considering start-up or expansion in the near future.

Economic development marketing can be as trendy as the fashion worlds of Paris and Rome. The latest marketing techniques and media are utilized until a new approach surfaces that proves more successful than the former. Unfortunately, a technique that is successful for one city or organization may not be appropriate for another. Recent trends have indicated that the most successful techniques are based upon sound, common-sense solutions.

Attention to the needs of existing businesses, a thorough evaluation of the area's resources, and a marketing strategy consistent with the organization's long-range goals will often produce better quality and more sincere business and industrial queries than will a "shotgun" marketing approach.

The West Central Indiana Economic Development District has chosen to concentrate its job creation efforts on the existing businesses of the Wabash Valley.

TRANSPORTATION

PRIMING THE PULSE OF THE CITY

Just as the heart is vital for human existence, so is the infrastructure for a metropolitan area's survival.

The transportation system of any city is the main artery and the need for effective care in planning is essential.

Although the planning process must be capable of addressing pertinent issues, it must also assign priorities and resources among a variety of competing interests.

WCIEDD is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Terre Haute urbanized area through the Department of Highways and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

As the MPO, WCIEDD is responsible for programming city and county projects and ranking them in order of importance. This plan must be developed before the IDOH will consider funding of any proposed project.

In an effort to gather input from those with competing interests, WCIEDD transportation staff have been working with representatives of all local governments and many private businesses to assess their needs and concerns.

Terre Haute Mayor P. Pete Chalos has indicated a long-range transportation plan is high on his list for the city and that the plan should be integrated with other street and road improvement projects because of limited financial resources.

In addition to gathering public input, WCIEDD has acquired the services of Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates to assist with preparation of the plan.

This eighteen month planning process will result in a unified, comprehensive and cooperative plan which will be used to identify transportation system needs well into the 21st century.

FUEL FOR HIGH BUS PERFORMANCE

The 1989 grant approved by the Urban Mass Transit Administration for the Terre Haute Transit Utility included dollars for exploring methods to make the system more efficient.

UMTA granted $32,000 for the study in addition to an operating budget of $420,000 for the system. These figures represent roughly 80 percent of monies needed. Remaining match will be made with a combination of state and local funds.

The approved grant for 1988 was $408,903.

WCIEDD prepares the utility's federal grant each year.

SOLUTIONS PROGRAMMED FOR PROBLEM TRANSPORTATION AREAS

Since 1962, Metropolitan Planning Organizations across the country have been mapping improvement programs for the nation's roadways.

WCIEDD has been responsible for these planning functions in the Terre Haute urbanized area since 1975. We provide a framework through which projects initiated by local planning agencies can be implemented.

To aid this process, our transportation planning staff produces the annual Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Element.

This document describes the staged multi-year program of projects for improvements to the existing transportation network. Included in this report are descriptions of project locations, types of work, estimated costs, sources of financing, priorities, and programming stages.

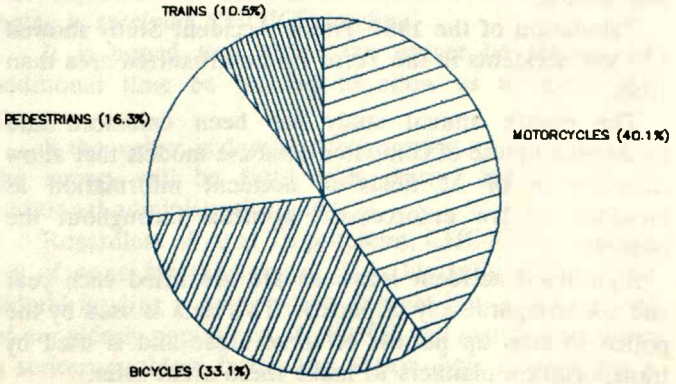
Improvements once listed in the TIP, and now complete, included signal modernization at various locations throughout the city.

The resurfacing of 25th Street from Locust to Maple Avenue closed this section of roadway for many months and caused discomfort to motorists. However, the replacement of the surface, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and storm sewers has made the street much smoother and has significantly improved drainage.

The state also made intersection improvements and replaced the signals where U.S. 41 crosses Johnson and Davis Avenues. These intersections have had high accident occurance statistics. Improvements made should make these congested areas safer.

NONVEHICULAR ACCIDENTS IN 1987

Terre Haute Urbanized Area



MARKETING MAKES THE MARK FOR THCB

A dramatic increase in advertising brought the Terre Haute City Bus its first expansion in ridership since record keeping began in 1982.

The campaign, "Transit-Catch It", began in March with advertisements placed on radio, television and in newspapers. A major push was made during Transit Week May 16-20. Drivers were honored that week with the presentation of name badges. VIP passes were distributed to patrons at random.

In addition, signs featuring the campaign theme were placed in areas of high visibility throughout the city.

This push to attract new riders and increase ridership from those who ride infrequently delivered a three percent increase in ridership during 1988.

SOBERING ACCOUNT OF AUTOS AND ALCOHOL

An increased emphasis on the problem of drinking and driving has prompted WCIEDD's transportation planning staff to analyze alcohol-related accidents as part of its annual Traffic Accident Study.

While it was discovered that alcohol accounts for only seven percent of total accidents, it is responsible for 40 percent of traffic fatalities locally.

This data will prove valuable in efforts to deter drinking and driving.

Tabulation of the 1987 Traffic Accident Study showed 149 less accidents in the Terre Haute urbanized area than 1986.

The eighth annual study has been enhanced and broadened by use of computer database models that allow examination of 32 fields of accident information as provided by law enforcement agencies throughout the county.

Significant accident locations are identified each year and are comparatively displayed. This data is used by the police to step up patrols of these areas and is used by transportation planners to make these areas safer.

PLAY IT SMART INDIANA BUCKLE-UP FOR LIFE!

If you die before age 40, odds are it will be due to a traffic accident.

In 1986, an average of one person was killed in an auto crash every eleven minutes.

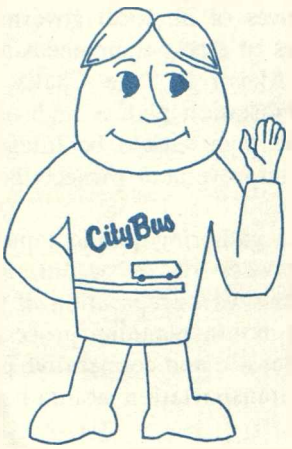
The good news is that national efforts to persuade states to pass mandatory seat belt laws have saved an estimated 7,000 lives in the last five years.

In conjunction with Indiana's mandatory seat belt law, 273 citations and 603 warnings were issued to motorists during the 1987-88 grant period for noncompliance.

The greater Terre Haute urbanized area and Vigo County is a high accident region in Indiana. To fight this, WCIEDD has participated in a coordinated Traffic Safety Program since 1985.

A grant from the Indiana Department of Highway's Traffic Safety Division through the National Highway Traffic Safety Program allows WCIEDD to work cooperatively with local law enforcement agencies in establishing surveillance of high traffic accident areas.

Success of the program is demonstrated in the pages of WCIEDD's Traffic Accident Data Base. The study found a decrease of 149 accidents between 1986 and 1987 representing a 17 percent savings of health, life and property.



MAKING BUS RIDING CHILD'S PLAY

Many persons are detered from riding the city bus due to fear of the unknown. Some don't know where to catch the bus. Others don't know how to signal to get off.

To combat these fears early, Doug Poad of WCIEDD gave ten presentations to students of the area's elementary schools in 1988.

While these presentations have been given in the past, this year a coloring book was developed to illustrate step-by-step procedures for using the bus.

Although the students clearly enjoyed the demonstrations, as witnessed by the many thank you notes Doug received, word is that Doug enjoyed them even more.

AREA 7 AGENCY ON AGING

GIVING HOOSIERS A C.H.O.I.C.E.

The seniors of Area 7 are strong believers in the old adage "God helps those who help themselves." These seniors have worked diligently for years now to establish a Home Care bill in the state of Indiana.

They have succeeded.

Legislation was passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 1987 creating the Community and Home Options for Indiana's Challenged and Elderly (CHOICE) program. The law calls for a network of in-home services to be made available to anyone, regardless of age, who is at risk of institutionalization. These services may include: respite care, home health aide services, transportation, homemaker and chore maintanence, adult day care, and any other service necessary to retard premature institutionalization.

The initial legislation called for $1.5 million in funding to set up administration of the program. But it was soon apparent that $1.5 million was not going to put the program in operation.

In early 1988, many seniors in Area 7, and across the state, joined forces in a major advocacy effort to persuade Indiana's legislature to increase funding for the law.

Again, they were successful.

An additional $5 million was appropriated to implement the pilot projects in Knox, Daviess and Tippecanoe counties.

Again in late 1988, seniors from around the state are trying to sift through the chaos in the Statehouse--again asking for additional funding to make the program effective statewide.

CHOICE will be very welcome in Area 7. Many services mandated by CHOICE are already in place here, but programs such as adult day care, homemakers and home-delivered meals are not available in all rural areas and certainly are not adequately funded.

While welcome, CHOICE will not come without some pain. Area Agency on Aging's case management will be charged with developing a service plan for each client and brokering those services with individual service providers.

Because of this arrangement with case management, the legislature felt as though a case manager buying services from its own employer may represent a conflict of interest.

As a result, each agency is having to divest themselves of most direct services they may be providing.

For Area 7, this means being faced with letting go of our homemaker/handyperson programs and our adult day care center. Both programs have been operated by this agency since their inception.

Presently, both programs operate at some of the lowest costs in the state. To establish new providers would be costly. Ultimately, taxpayers must provide more funding for these services or the level of service will need to be lowered. Both of these services are either operating at capacity or have waiting lists.

Area 7 requested a waiver from this portion of the law in the Fall of 1988. It was denied. With the change in administration January 1, another request for a waiver has been sent. So far no word has been received on this matter.

Indiana representative John Thomas of Brazil leads the fight for adequate funding of the C. H. O. I. C. E. program.

The Indiana Department of Human Services has set an implementation date for this part of the law as July 1, 1989 regardless of whether or not an Area Agency on Aging is receiving CHOICE funding.

It is hoped that either the waiver be granted or additional time be granted to allow us to make the change.

If the waiver is denied, other service programs within the agency will be faced with sharing the burden of additional administrative costs.

Regardless of Area 7's problems, CHOICE is still the ray of hope for the future. It is blatantly evident that federal funding is never going to meet the growing needs of our elderly population. CHOICE will merely help avert a serious problem facing the nation--how to care for a population that is growing older at an alarming rate.

Involvement with CHOICE and other advocacy issues helped bring recognition to two of Area 7's best advocates. In May, Hubert Clodfelter and Darlene Norman won the Indiana Federation of Older Hoosier's Jessie Dickinson Advocacy Awards. These awards are given annually to both volunteers and professionals who work to better the lives of older Hoosiers.

In addition, Edna Fulk, director of the programs on aging, received a request in March to nominate an older person for a special national award for persons who work to better the lives of the rural elderly. With her nomination, Hubert Clodfelter was the first Indiana resident to receive the Louise B. Gerrard Award.

The award was presented to Hubert in Washington, D.C. by the National Association of State Units on Aging.

Hubert has worked hard over the past ten years advocating for such issues as generic drugs, nursing home reform, and the development and funding of an in-home services program. He has served on many area boards and advisory councils. Area agency staff see him as a friend and confidant to whom they may turn for advice on how to run the varied and complicated aging programs.

We see him as the perfect candidate for such an honor. Obviously we are not alone.

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Aging program staff were involved in many exciting special activities this year including: Area Day, the Older Hoosiers Assembly, and the Governor's Conference on Aging.

One of the most important of these activities was the Legislative Seminar/ Candidates Forum held October 17. The seminar was a joint effort of the Area 7 Legislative Committee and local American Association of Retired Persons chapters. Issues to be faced by the Indiana General Assembly were presented. Due to good timing of the event--just before election day-- many area legislators were in attendance and participated in a question and answer session with the audience. They faced tough questions from nearly 200 persons in attendance.

Aging ///America
IT'S EVERYONE'S FUTURE

Hubert Clodfelter and wife Betty accept the Jesse Dickinson Advocacy Award at the Indiana Federation of Older Hoosiers Conference.

Three senior citizens centers established independent, incorporated operations in 1988. Centers in Glenn, Shelburn, and Clinton had been run by Area 7 Seniors Services prior to that agency's dissolution January 1 of 1988. WCIEDD took over direct operation of those centers but felt it would be beneficial to them if they were operated by their own local boards of directors. Aging staff assisted each center with incorporation procedures and filing for not-for-profit status.

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Changes made through reauthorization of the Older Americans Act in 1987 finally trickled down to the Area Agency on Aging level in 1988.

A major change to the Act was the establishment of Title III-D, a new category of funding for services in the home.

Although funding levels for this category are small, it is a step in the right direction. Area 7's funding allocation of $5,000 was used to establish home health aide services.

The Act also allowed additional funding for administration. Congress felt that greater obligations being placed on Area Agencies warranted a greater appropriation. With these dollars, WCIEDD created the Grants Coordinator job position. This person, Nancy Kahl, oversees grant funding procedures for all Older Americans Act-funded programs. In addition, the agency was able to authorize a comprehensive needs assessment survey to be done by Indiana State University early in 1989. This tool will allow for more accurate planning of service operations in the future.

Computer equipment was also purchased for use by administrative staff. Reporting and monitoring procedures will now be done with greater ease and speed.

FLURRY OF ACTIVITY SURROUNDS I & R

Dramatic growth and change occurred within the Information and Referral Program in 1988.

As the year began, I&R contracted with Work/Family Elder Directions of Watertown, Massachusetts to provide personalized consultation and referral services as an employee benefit to employees of selected major corporations. This contract pays I&R for each employee it serves. Work/Family also provided I&R with $1,000 in development funds with which a computer was purchased.

I&R was instrumental in helping several utility companies establish the Gatekeeper Program throughout the area. Utility company personnel were trained to spot elderly clients with potential problems and to report them to the agency. I&R insures the person is served and that the company is notified as to the status of the case.

In March, I&R began benefitting from the services of a Title V employee, Beverly "B.J." Potter, to help with routine clerical duties. She has been a tremendous help to the program.

Miriam Nowak, who had been the coordinator of the program for seven years, adopted a daughter in June and left the agency to be a full time mother. Lorrie Heber stepped in as interim coordinator until she was formally hired in that position July 25. Helen Shaw was hired in late August as the assistant information and referral coordinator.

The agency had been approached by the national office of the American Association of Retired Persons to form the first Consumer Housing Information Service for Seniors (CHISS) program in the state of Indiana. This program would coordinate and train volunteers to assist seniors one-on-one with housing concerns. At that time, staffing and time constraints made it impossible for I&R to take this on. However, Work/Family Elder Directions began offering grants to its service providers to start needed programs in their communities.

An application for CHISS was submitted to Work/Family and in October I&R was sent a check for $7,468 to get CHISS off the ground. With it we will hire a part-time temporary coordinator to initiate the program. Once CHISS is established, I&R staff will be able to maintain the program.

In an effort to promote healthy, active retirement living, I&R joined forces with WBAK-TV to produce PrimeTime. PrimeTime, featuring host Glen Foster, is a half-hour program that airs the third Sunday of every month at 11:30 a.m. on WBAK Channel 38. The show debuted in October.

O.L.D.E.R. Living celebrated its third birthday by entering the telecommunications age. When our arrangement with the Terre Haute Tribune-Star began, we typed all our stories on a typewriter then hand-delivered them to the Tribune where one of their staff entered the information into their computer system. Thanks to the generous donation of a telephone modem by Knapp Office Supply, we now input our stories on our computer then send them via the modem directly into the Tribune's system. This has cut production time of this monthly supplement to the Tribune- Star by half.

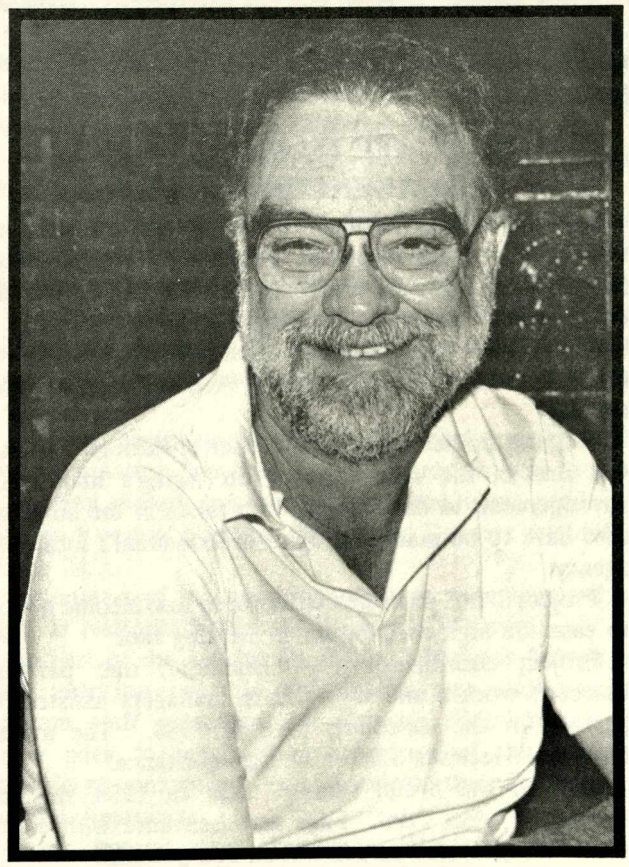
As the year ended, I&R began considering an offer from The Partnership Group, Inc. of Lansdale, Pennsylvania to, again, provide personal consultation and referral services to employees of major corporations as an employee benefit. Contracts were signed in February of 1989 with program implementation to be in March.

Of course, the main purpose of I&R is the operation of the Sixty Plus Helpline, a telephone service for seniors to provide necessary information and referrals to appropriate sources of assistance.

Usage of the Helpline continues to increase due to greater public awareness of Area Agencies on Aging and their role in assisting the elderly. The Helpline served 4,802 persons with 8,646 units of service in 1988.

The majority of calls represented requests for some type of in-home service be it housekeeping, home health care or home delivered meals. Medicare's Catastrophic Coverage Act was a hot topic as was the intense heat of the Summer of 1988. Staff fielded many calls for air conditioners and fans as well as assistance with high electric bills.

Numbers of persons from Area 7's rural counties using the Helpline remained lower than population statistics indicate usage should be. I&R staff will be taking their show on the road to various senior centers and dining sites in those rural areas in an effort to correct this inconsistency in 1989.



Glen Foster has volunteered his time and talents to host "PrimeTime" and star in a Sixty Plus Helpline public service announcement.

OWEP: GROWING AND TREND SETTING

Contacting prospective employers to inform them of the Older Worker Employment Program is one of the best ways of promoting the program. To help do this, a Job Developer position was created which broug... Chris Starbuck into OWEP to match client skills with the appropriate employer.

OWEP's goal is to assist people 55 years of age and older with job seeking by exploring their skills and training and then linking them with employers.

Workshops and personal training sessions help clients with job applications, writing resumes, discovering employer expectations, surviving the interview and more.

In 1988, a basic computer course for seniors was held in conjunction with IVY Tech to familiarize clients with this new technology. Students learned the basics of personal computing along with keyboarding skills, an introduction to word processing, spreadsheets and data base concepts.

The course was so successful, IVY Tech has begun offering these classes to the general public on a regular basis. In January of 1989, they offered their first advanced course for persons over 50.

Each March a week is set aside for "National Hire An Older Worker Week." In 1988 an appreciation dinner was held at Larry Bird's Boston Connection to salute area employers who have hired persons through OWEP.

In addition to OWEP, the Title V Employment Program enables eligible persons to receive on-the-job training in not-for-profit or public agencies. Title V is a temporary training program to make clients more employable and to find unsubsidized employment.

PROJECT SAFE FUNDING ENDS FOR AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

Federal cuts to the Project SAFE program prompted the Indiana Department of Human Services to cease funding Area Agencies on Aging for their help in assisting elderly clients apply for the program.

As of December 31, 1988, potential applicants were referred to their local Community Action Program (CAP) agency.

Helping homebound elderly clients through outreach was one of the Area Agency on Aging's main tasks. Arrangements to have applications taken in the home will now have to be made through the individual's local CAP agency.

Project SAFE provides assistance to low-income persons to ease the high costs of winter heating fuel.

Project coordinator Pam Bradfield, one part-time outreach worker and eleven case managers assisted 767 persons in the six-county area in 1988. The average household receives $250 in energy assistance.

Due to the brutal summer heat in 1988, the state initiated Project Cool. Fans and assistance with electric bills were provided to more than 200 persons.

Senior organizations across the state have asked the Indiana General Assembly to supplement federal funding of the program. To date, no action has been taken on this matter.

Brian Dewyre and Jo Ann Halbert accept Terre Haute Mayor P. Pete Chalos' proclamation of "Hiring An Older Worker Week" from Harry Frey, the mayor's assistant who is himself an older worker.

HOMEBOUND SERVICES FACE UNCERTAINTY

Uncertainty reigned for the homebound services program in 1988. CHOICE legislation (see related article) has mandated that Area Agencies on Aging divest themselves of many direct services by July of 1989. For Area 7, this means cutting loose of the homemaker and handyperson programs as well as adult day care.

A waiver of this portion of the legislation was asked for and denied by former Indiana Department of Human Services commissioner Jean Merritt.

However, with the change in administration, the request was made again in late 1988. At press time no word had yet been received as to the status of that request.

Plans have been made in case the waiver is not granted. Preliminary plans have been made to incorporate a board of directors to manage homebound services as a separate agency. The first organizational board meeting was held December 6.

The main goal is to ensure our clients continue to receive quality service at a reasonable cost to the program. These services presently operate at very low cost to the state and are either working at capacity or have waiting lists.

Increases in the cost of delivering these services will mean decreased services in the face of growing need.

The homemaker program provides services to clients who are unable to perform household chores. Chores may include: light housekeeping, laundry, and limited errand services.

The handyperson program provides minor home repairs, heavy tasks, and preventative maintenance of the home and grounds to insure safe living conditions.

The program serves Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan and Vermillion counties. Vigo County residents are served by the Terre Haute Housing Authority.

Donations are accepted as services are rendered. An average of $56 per week was gathered in donations with all monies going back into the programs.

Mary Jean Davidson retired from the West Central Nutrition Program for the Elderly in June after more than nine years with the program.

SENIORS PUT THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER

Persons wanting to put their affairs in order kept Sandy Auler, paralegal with the Senior Legal Services Project, busy during 1988.

SLSP provides direct legal counseling to individuals at least 60 years of age in Area 7. Auler also speaks to many groups throughout the area on such topics as wills, health care consents, Medicaid, Social Security, and legal services.

The program is staffed by Auler and an attorney who supervises her and handles all civil court litigation. There is no charge for the program although donations are accepted.

In the first nine months of 1988, SLSP served 352 persons with legal advice and/or formal representation. More than 200 persons received legal education through lectures, pamphlets and booklets.

Some cases that Auler handled concerned consumer problems with home repair or government benefits. In one case, an insurance company reduced the benefits of a man who received a life insurance policy as part of a disability settlement. Through negotiation with the insurance company, she was successful in getting the full value of the policy unconditionally reinstated.

The SLSP attorney litigated two consumer cases that resulted in favorable judgements for both clients. Among the many cases handled, he negotiated two cases without litigation that resulted in one client receiving his security deposit from a landlord and another client receiving several hundred dollars in a cash refund from a local furniture merchant.

SLSP is located in the Modesitt Professional Building at 321 Ohio Street in Terre Haute. A large new sign was erected on the side of the building in January of 1989 announcing the location of the project.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

The West Central Indiana Nutrition Program for the Elderly marked fifteen years of service October 28 with celebrations at all its dining sites in Area 7. The celebration commemorated the acceptance and growth of the program since its inception in 1973.

It has grown from twelve dining sites serving 400 meals per day to 34 sites serving 1,800 meals per day. On celebration day, 2,275 meals were served.

Participants, volunteers and staff who had been with the program since it began were acknowledged. Special honors were given to dining site directors Verona Nelson of Rosedale and Thelma Johns of Greencastle for fifteen years of service.

Due to retirements, promotions and job changes, Nutrition Program staff were kept busy hiring and training new staff.

Mary Jean Davidson, nutrition program adminstrative assistant, retired after nine years of devoted service to the program. The position was restructured and Cindy Leonard was hired as the Nutrition Program Assistant. Increased home delivery needs prompted the addition of a paid home delivery driver in Brazil and a new home delivery position in Glenn. The West Terre Haute home delivery route was expanded due to increased demands in the New Goshen area.

Adjustments were made to the Title III-C budget to absorb the cost of home delivered meals that had been paid by Social Service Block Grant dollars. SSBG funds were eliminated for home-delivered meals July 1.

A nutrition education survey was completed in 1988 to help the staff in planning for the program.

The program continued to assist Community Action Programs throughout the area in distributing USDA commodities to program participants.

Dining site directors were trained on a quarterly basis. Subjects included: CPR, outreach, the importance of nutrition education, and food service safety and sanitation.

National Nutrition Month was observed during March with information provided to participants on how to spot misleading dietary information and fraudulent products. The ninth annual Nutrition Awareness Day was celebrated March 24.

Volunteers of the nutrition program were honored in April as National Volunteer Week was observed.

As part of the kickoff for Older Americans Month in May, nutrition program and information and referral program staff presented the agency's slideshow at all dining sites to make everyone aware of the services available to seniors and to demonstrate their importance as older Americans.

Other special days throughout the year included: holiday brunches at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas; County Fair Day in August; Welcome Fall Day in September; a Halloween Mystery Meal in October; and the traditional Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Anna Boggs (right) and other clients of the McMillan Adult Day Care Center make bibs for Heather Pyle (left) and her friends at Garfield Gardens Day Care Center. It's prime example of intergenerational love.

MCMILLAN: HELPING FAMILIES GIVE CARE

The McMillan Adult Day Care Center said goodbye to assistant director Lucy Ornduff who resigned after fourteen months of service to the center due to family problems. Nellie Trout, LPN, is the new assistant director. She brings fifteen years of experience with her from both the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Wabash Valley.

For thirteen years the center has provided respite for care givers of infirmed elderly and has been an alternative to nursing home placement for those persons requiring less than 24- hour care.

Fifty-six persons were served in 1988 with an average attendance of 25 per day. Of the clients served, twelve entered nursing homes and two are now homebound. Participants enjoyed weekly Bible studies led by various ministers, monthly birthday parties, visits from pets of the Terre Haute Humane Society, theme parties, yard sales, speakers, crafts, games and visits from the children at Maplewood Christian School.

At Thanksgiving, the clients and staff prepared an old fashioned family dinner with clients each inviting guests. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by 83 persons that day.

The center provided hands-on experience to students from St. Mary of the Woods College, Indiana State University, and the practical nursing program at IVY Tech. McMillan holds the distinction of being the first publicly funded adult day care center in the state of Indiana.

SENIORS ON THE GO

The West Central Senior Transportation program saw a 21 percent increase in ridership in 1988 over 1987. During their first year with WCIEDD, 18,752 one-way trips were provided to seniors in Vigo, Parke and Vermillion counties.

Four vans are in operation daily to take persons 60 and older to the doctor, senior dining sites, grocery stores, and on other necessary trips. The service is offered on a donation basis and allows seniors to get where they need to go.

Jeraldine Handlin was hired in July to replace Carol Sollars. Not only does she operate the van service, she also monitored the fiscal responsibilities of the senior citizens centers in East Glenn, Shelburn and Clinton until they obtained their own independent status in January of 1989.

Her program saw several changes in 1988.

The program had contracted with Hamilton Center's Children's Learning Center since 1983 to deliver children to and from the center in the early morning and late evening hours. This contract allowed the van program to defer operating costs.

Their contract with CLC was not extended for 1989 due to CLC's needs outgrowing what the service could provide.

The senior transportation program did, however, pick up the contract to transport clients of the McMillan Adult Day Care Center in 1989.

Senior handicapped transportation, which was subcontracted to Yellow Paratransit, was discontinued in 1989 due to lack of funding. A similar service is being provided for handicapped persons by the Terre Haute Transit Utility.

Of constant concern to Handlin and WCIEDD is the cost of repairing and replacing vehicles. The program has been applying to the federal 16-B-2 program for money to replace worn-out vehicles. The agency is also in support of legislation before the Indiana General Assembly that would require the state to provide periodic funding to replace vehicles.

Jeraldine Handlin joined the senior transportation program as its coordinator in July.

P.A.S. AND CASE MANAGEMENT JOIN FORCES

In anticipation of Indiana's C.H.O.I.C.E. program, Area 7's case management and nursing home pre-admission screening programs were combined in July. This allows them to join forces in providing a comprehensive assessment of an individual's needs to determine whether in-home services or nursing home placement are needed.

Case management is a prerequisite to all Social Service Block Grant funded services. These include: home-delivered meals, homemakers, handypersons, adult day care, and home health aide services. Anyone 60 or older who falls below income guidelines may qualify.

Pre-admission screening was initiated by the Indiana General Assembly to insure individuals are not placed in nursing homes unnecessarily.

Case managers attempt to provide services that allow clients to remain in their own homes and live independently as long as possible. However, pre-admission screening begins when 24-hour care is required and alternative community services are not available at less than 75 percent of nursing home costs.

Case management coordinator Laura Dever and pre-admission screening coordinator Karen Mitchell, along with twelve case managers/PAS assessors, served 2,300 seniors with case management and assessed 900 for nursing home care during 1988. This represents 18,000 hours of service.

Karen attends the state PAS Task Force meetings on a monthly basis to discuss and solve issues surrounding the program. She also educates nursing home staff from around the area annually on PAS procedures.

Laura heads the local Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support Group.

For more information on the future of these programs, see page 9.

The popular gospel group Charity performed before more than 1,200 seniors at the Area Day senior picnic May 27.

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Federal Funding Source	Grant Period	Federal Grant	Local Match	Other* (Cash)	Other** (I.K.)	Total
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES						
Older Hoosiers	7/1/87-6/30/88	$ 0	$ 0	$ 90,929	0	$ 90,929
P.A.S.	7/1/87-6/30/88	40,841	0	0	0	40,841
H.H.S. III Adm.	1/1/88-12/31/88	93,293	0	15,352	15,746	124,391
H.H.S. Title III-B Subs	1/1/88-12/31/88	343,943	0	126,839	42,474	513,256
USDA-H.H.S. III C-1	1/1/88-12/31/88	312,654	0	314,730	36,783	664,167
H.H.S. III C-2	1/1/88-12/31/88	208,416	0	314,740	24,519	547,675
H.H.S. IIID	1/1/88-12/31/88	5,569	0	1,093	0	6,662
H.H.S. Title V	7/1/87-6/30/88	66,325	0	7,530	0	73,855
H.H.S. SSBG Homemaker	7/1/87-6/30/88	84,000	0	1,900	0	85,900
H.H.S. SSBG Handyman	7/1/87-6/30/88	32,308	0	65	0	32,373
H.H.S. SSBG Case Mgt. Asse.	7/1/87-6/30/88	130,155	0	16,097	0	146,252
H.H.S. SSBG Day Care Tras.	7/1/87-6/30/88	13,102	0	1,848	0	14,950
H.H.S. SSBG McMillan Adult	7/1/87-6/30/88	62,825	0	9,528	0	72,353
H.H.S. SSBG Day Care Meals	7/1/87-6/30/88	13,464	0	1,925	0	15,389
Older Hoosiers	7/1/88-6/30/89	0	0	90,929	0	90,929
P.A.S.	7/1/88-12/31/89	66,479	0	0	0	66,479
H.H.S. Title V	7/1/88-6/30/89	69,312	0	7,701	0	77,013
H.H.S. SSBG Homemaker	7/1/88-12/31/89	122,712	0	2,750	0	125,462
H.H.S. SSBG Handyman	7/1/88-12/31/89	47,197	0	150	0	47,347
H.H.S. SSBG Case Mgt. Asse.	7/1/88-12/31/89	209,843	0	34,970	0	244,813
H.H.S. SSBG Day Care Trans	7/1/88-12/31/89	21,697	0	10,892	0	32,589
H.H.S. SSBG McMillan Adult	7/1/88-12/31/89	89,220	0	29,684	0	118,904
H.H.S. SSBG Day Care Meals	7/1/88-12/31/89	19,936	0	2,338	0	22,274
H.H.S. SAFE Outreach	1/1/88-12/31/88	24,569	0	0	0	24,569
C.H.O.I.C.E.	10/1/88-6/30/89	0	0	29,030	0	29,030
TRANSPORTATION						
IDOH Fed Hwy	7/1/88-6/30/89	85,300	15,503	0	0	100,353
IDOH Fed Hwy	7/1/87-6/30/88	76,999	13,590	0	0	90,589
IDOH Safety Grant	10/1/87-9/30/88	36,800	0	0	0	36,800
U.M.T.A.	7/1/88-6/30/89	24,348	6,086	0	0	30,434
U.M.T.A.	7/1/87-6/30/88	23,625	5,907	0	0	29,532
U.S. DEPT. OF LABOR						
O.W.E.P.	7/1/88-6/30/89	53,364	0	0	0	53,364
O.W.E.P.	7/1/87-6/30/88	38,500	0	0	0	38,500
W.I.P.I.C. Employ. Gen.	7/1/88-6/30/89	11,000	0	0	0	11,000
W.I.P.I.C. Employ. Gen.	7/1/87-6/30/88	11,000	0	0	0	11,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
E.D.A. 301 b	4/1/88-3/31/89	50,000	44,100	0	0	94,100
E.D.A. 301 b	4/1/87-3/31/88	50,000	44,100	0	0	94,100
D.N.R. N.F.I.P. C.A.P.	2/1/88-9/30/88	4,180	0	0	0	4,180
BAINBRIDGE C.D.B.G. ADM.		7,376	0	0	0	7,376
OTHER						
IN. CORP. SCIENCE & TECH.		50,000	0	0	0	50,000
C.H.I.S.S.	11/1/88-12/31/89	0	0	7,468	0	7,468
TOTALS		$2,600,352	$128,836	$1,118,488	$119,522	$3,967,198

* Other = Indiana Older Hoosier funds, project income, U.S.D.A. commodity income, and donations.
**I.K. = In-kind. This represents time and services donated to the agency. It is required by the federal government as local match and is considered income.

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West Central Indiana Economic Development District

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By Steve Kash

In October, 1973, a nutrition program for the elderly began in Vigo and five surrounding counties. It was hoped the project would alleviate health problems caused by a poor diet.

It did. In four years the program has expanded from 400 meals a day, being served at 11 sites, to 1,000 meals a day served at 26 sites. As a side benefit many elderly people participating in the program have made so many new friends they feel they're making a new start in life.

People from very different backgrounds find themselves enjoying the company of others they probably would never have met otherwise, Mrs. Edna Fulk, project director, said.

By the way they act "You'd never know they were senior citizens at a lot of sites. After meals they often stay for crafts and games. They become so involved with their friends that many sites will stay open on legal holidays and throw pot luck dinners. . .The Friday before Holloween the people at one site had a masked Halloween party and they invited the kids from the neighborhood to join them."

The nutrition project is 90 percent funded by the federal government under Title Seven of The Older Americans Act. The project is administered locally by the West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD).

The federal government contributes $350,000, and another $150,000 is raised by the personal contributions of elderly people who come to eat, and by the unpaid salaries of area residents volunteering their time at eating sites during meal hours.

Since the project began in the Terre Haute area, the food has been prepared by a local firm, the ARA Services Co., Mrs. Fulk said. They cook the meals in the kitchen of Anaconda Aluminum Co. and bring it to the eating sites in bulk containers.

The menus are prepared by Jane Davidson, a member of the projects nutrition staff, and are formulated to provide a well balanced diet. The meal schedule is submitted to the State Board of Health for approval.

The meals always include a three ounce meat portion, two half-cup servings of either fruit or vegetables, and a half-cup of dessert such as apple pie, ice cream, or strawberry shortcake. Coffee, tea, milk and bread are served with each meal. If there is enough food at a site on any given day people can have seconds.

The menus are prepared a week in advance and are published in local newspapers and magazines. The project director said the most popular meals were pork chops and ham and beans.

The company is important, according to Mrs. Fulk. She said one time an elderly man complained he didn't like the food. He was overheard by an elderly woman who said, "They could feed me dog food as long as I can have a meal a day with people I like".

The meals are served at churches, fire houses, senior citizens centers, and in public housing projects. News of the local program spreads primarily by word of mouth, but the Vigo County Welfare Department and the two hospitals inform people about the service.

The meals times vary from site to site, but usually they are from 11:30 a.m. to noon. People who want to try the program for a first time should call WCIEDD to see what time the site nearest them begins lunch.

Any person over 60 can eat at any site, and their spouse is eligible too - even if she's only 25, the project director said.

Because funding is fixed, the project accepts contributions for the meals so it can afford to reach out to other needy people. Mrs. Fulk said the donations average 50 cents per meal.

Mrs. Fulk said many factors contribute to elderly people eating poor diets. Often they won't cook a meal because they have nobody to share it with, or they are not physically able to perform such tasks as using can openers or going shopping. Some have simply lost their desire to eat following a loved one's death. Mrs. Fulk said she had met one man who until he got involved with the project hadn't eaten dessert for the five years since his wife died.

The project delivers about a third of its meals directly to the homes of people who are physically unable to make it to an eating site. Mrs. Fulk said this service saves many "shut-ins" from being forced to go to nursing homes.

People who are interested in this service need to call the WCIEDD at 238-1516 for an appointment. A staff member will immediately visit the interested party to determine eligibility. Fulk said that currently there are not enough available funds to expand this part of the project, and parties who are accepted might be put on a waiting list, pending an opening.

She said the WCIEDD trys to pick up as many people as possible and take them to an eating site, but they only have one van and "There's more demand on it than we can keep up with."

Throughout the six county region. Vigo, Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan and Clay, more than 600 volunteers assist the project in various capacities. Mrs. Fulk said, "Without them we couldn't exist."

Federal funds for the nutrition project have already been approved for 1978. It will receive the same as in 1977.

"So far both political parties have given us their strong support," the project director said. "We hope they continue."

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Federal funds aid elderly

WCIEDD

By Susan Crittenden Sp FEB 1 1 1978

During the last twenty years, the government has recognized that ten to twelve per cent of our population is over 65; it has sought a way to help these senior citizens lead useful lives. Passage of the Older Americans Act was tangible recognition of the need for services to older citizens.

Because of non-compliance with terms of this Act, Indiana lost available federal monies for several years. Finally, the state revamped its structural organization so that the State Commission on Aging is the overall Indiana agency charged with overseeing programs for senior citizens.

Starting at the grassroots level is the Vigo County Council on Aging. This group sees a problem, studies it and tries to come up with recommendations for its solution.

These proposals are submitted to the Area Council on Aging, Region 7. Other counties included in this region are Sullivan, Parke, Vermillion, Clay and Putnam. And, West Central Indiana Economic Development District is the agency disbursing federal funds for this region. WCIEDD also has a planner who is available to assist the area council with programs.

Federal funds supplied through the West Central Indiana Economic Development District for Title III services for older persons in this region are:

Lifeline	**$7,600**
In Home Services	**29,535**
Transportation (Senior Swingers, Inc.)	**5,424**
Home Repair	**3,000**
Putnam Center	**12,200**
Clay Co. Center	**12,200**
Sullivan Center	**9,226**
Senior Citizens Areawide Transportation Service	**54,676**
Shelburn Center	**3,600**
Rosedale Sr. Center	**2,000**
Clinton Sr. Center	**2,000**
Glenn Sr. Center	**3,750**
Wabash Sr. Citizens	**6,000**

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WCIEDD WILL PRESENT 25-YEAR HOUSING PLAN

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A special public meeting to present and discuss estimates of housing needs for the next twenty-five years in Terre Haute and Vigo County will take place on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Court Room, Terre Haute City Hall.

The meeting sponsor, the West Central Indiana Economic Development District, is preparing estimates of housing needs which will serve as guidelines for federal housing programs, and it wants to be sure that these estimates have public support in the county. For example, West Central projects that the county's population will grow by 10,000 people by the year 2000, and that these new residents will need 2,880 new houses or apartments.

In addition to estimating total population growth, the projections include the number of elderly or low-income households whose members are eligible for housing assistance under HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) of FmHA (Farmer's Home Administration) programs.

Mark Blade of the West Central staff will outline the estimates and answer questions.

A copy of the Housing Program has been placed in the Vigo County Public Library so that members of the public can review it before the meeting.

When the questions or criticisms raised at this hearing have been answered to the satisfaction of Vigo County residents, the program will be presented to the county commissioners for their endorsement before it is sent on to federal agencies.

The West Central Indiana Economic Development District is a non-profit corporation which helps local governments in this area plan and get funding for public improvements and for programs for the elderly. Its offices are in the Terre Haute House and its phone number is 812-238-1561.

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Revised downtown grant plan submitted

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West Central Indiana Economic Development District received its copy of the revised Urban Development Action Grant application from the Terre Haute Housing Authority late last week. A copy of the proposal is now on file at the Fairbanks Library and may be examined there; WCIEDD provided the copy stipulating that it not be allowed to circulate.

The primary changes in the application include removal of the term "super" from the description of the downtown block included in the project and an increase from 633 to 800 in the number of dwellings to be rehabilitated. The capital investment figure is also increased by $1.4 million, with J. B. Pfister and Co. promising to provide an additional $1.2 million and Meis/Brown the other $200,000.

The revised grant application omits $1.7 million for a parking facility. the project description has been changed from "300 car parking facility" in the first application to "300 additional parking spaces" in the revision. The new description also calls for rehabilitation of some existing retail stores.

Total estimated private investment is down $2 million, but by increasing the dwelling units to be remodeled, the sum requested from the federal government is increased by $200,000. All in all, the total project cost is down slightly less than $2 million.

Many of the letters included in support of the application remain unchanged, including those from Rubloff and Company, Terre Haute First National Bank, Merchants National Bank and Meis. Letters from the other local lending institutions are changed, are no longer all identical, and these firms provide an additional $1 million in available loan funds, probably as a result of the increased number of dwelling units to be remodeled.

Letters containing reservations about the project from three downtown businessmen are included in the proposal.

Bethesda Corporation, a not-for-profit company currently renovating the former Deming Hotel, still is proposed as prime developer of a 250 room hotel on land between 8th and 9th Streets, Wabash and Ohio. Its proposal contains seven provisions, including expansion of Hulman Center activities, the Roots block development, a feasibility study showing demand, an interest subsidy, a joint venture with a major developer. The letter says the city will have to make the site available at a write-down and will have to have the buildings demolished and site cleared.

The UDAG application still also includes plans for conversion of the Terre Haute House by Bethesda for elderly housing.

Word on the application is expected by late December from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Free home repair is available for elderly

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Homemaking and home repair help are provided to people over the age of 60 by the Aging Programs of West Central Indiana Economic Development District.

Presently 4 Handyman and 10 Homemaking staff members help on the average of 200 elderly people a month in Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan and Vermillion Counties.

The basic goal of the programs is to keep elderly people living in their own homes as long as possible--thus avoiding costly institutional care.

Funding for the Homemaking and Handyman Programs is provided by Title XX of the Social Security Act and by Title III of the Older Americans' Act. Because of this, priority for service must go to the lower income elderly and to those who are in the most critical need of assistance.

It has been found that many elderly people in this area have out lived most of their family members and the friends who have helped them in the past.

Others find family members and friends live too far away to help with daily needs.

Aged citizens also find themselves physically unable to handle all household tasks themselves and their fixed incomes, because of inflation, do not cover hiring help.

The Handyman Program provides minor home repair and home maintenance help. Handymen do such things as:

1. Installation or removal of storm window and doors.
2. Weatherstripping doors and windows.
3. Trash hauling.
4. Minor home repairs:
   a. Replace a rotten door sill.
   b. Step repair.
5. Minor electrical repair:
   a. Repair electrical outlets.
   b. Repair light switches.
6. Minor plumbing repairs:
   a. Frozen pipes.
   b. Replace faucet washers.

Any work will be considered that helps a person over 60 to keep living in their home. Remodeling and redecorating work cannot be considered to be necessary home repairs.

The Homemaking Program provides help for homebound elderly people. Homemaking staff members do such things as:

--Provide local transportation to places such as the grocery store, drug store, laundromat, food stamp office or to the doctor;

--Help with regular light housekeeping, including meal preparation, washing dishes, vacuuming, dusting, mopping, laundering, and changing the linen;

--A sensitive, concerned person to visit with and help solve problems;

--Help with seasonal cleaning.

There is no cost for these services, but people are asked to supply the materials needed by the home repair staff and the cleaning supplies used by the homemaking staff.

Further information about these programs can be obtained by contacting Kathleen Jacobsen, Program Administrator. The W.C.I.E.D.D. phone number is 238-1561. The toll free number is 1-800-742-0804. (In Putnam County dial 120-800-742-0804.)

The Homemaking and Handyman Programs' Field Coordinator, Richard Jimison, will visit with any interested senior citizen in their home.

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